



Safeguarding

Hotspot

Frustratingly it has come to our attention that some pupils at Ashford Park continue to have access to 'WhatsApp' out of school.

Like many Social Media apps, WhatsApp has a minimum user age of

13.

<https://www.whatsapp.com/legal/#terms-of-service>. This is in place to protect children from harm. We would therefore strongly recommend parents prevent their children using this application.

We would always suggest your child shares their online world with you, so you know their activity and what material they may be accessing.

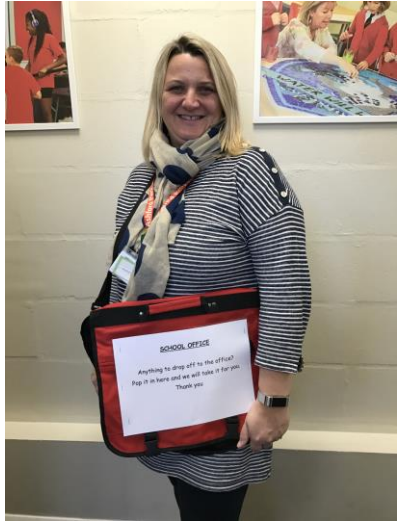
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> is a recommended website for parents/carers regarding children staying safe online.

MAC – Making Attendance Count

We all know that to be successful in life, attendance and punctuality are

essential skills to learn. Please be reminded that all holiday absences in term time will be unauthorised and subject to a Surrey served Fixed Penalty Notice. Families who have children who have 90% and below attendance, will be receiving a letter from school, inviting you to meet with the Head Teacher and Home School Link Worker, to discuss ways of working in partnership to hopefully improve your child's attendance, a vital skill for life. Thank you for working in partnership with us and not against us.

Office letter box and drop off bag



We now have a new letter box situated outside the school office. You can place clearly marked envelopes in here to save queuing in the foyer during busy times. Please do not place items of value in the box.

We have also introduced a 'drop off' bag system in the mornings and at the end of the school day. Members of staff who are on the front and back gate will carry the bag so that items can be left there, so that you do not have to visit the office during busy periods.

Bushcraft Trip 2018 (Available to current Years 2 and 3)

Just a reminder that if you would like your child to attend the Bushcraft trip please return the deposit of £50 with the signed permission slip by **Friday 26th January 2018.** This is the absolute final date to register for the trip. Late applications may not be considered.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque or online. Payments made online are preferred, as we are aiming to be a cash free school.

Acorn Centre - Bags of Help, please vote!

The Acorn Centre applied to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme in order to raise money to develop our outside area. We have found out that our application has been successful. Voting will take place from Tuesday 2nd January until Wednesday 28th February.

If you visit Tesco Extra in Stanwell / Ashford during this period, we would really appreciate your vote.



The primary school admissions system is now open.

Parents are being reminded that they can now apply online for 2018 primary school places using the online admissions system. The admissions system is quick, easy to use

and available all day, every day and parents will receive the outcome of their applications by email.

The deadline for applications is Monday 15 January 2018. Parents who miss the deadline reduce their chances of getting one of their preferred schools, so please encourage friends / parents to apply online by visiting surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.



January

29th – 'Just Joshing' Anti-Bullying Theatre Production for children

February

2nd – Swift Class Assembly at 2.30pm

6th – MUFTI Day in aid of Sign2Sing

7th – Badger Class Assembly at 2.30pm

8th – Children break up for half term at 3.15pm

9th - INSET Day

12th – 16th Half Term

21st – Fox Class Assembly at 2.30pm

23rd – Year 6 Assembly at 2.30pm

28th - Mole Class Assembly at 2.30pm

March

2nd – Skylark Class Assembly at 2.30pm

7th – Squirrel Class Assembly at 2.30pm

8th – 'Enough Abuse' workshop for parents and children in years 4, 5 & 6 in the hall 3.30 – 5.00pm

9th – Heron Class Assembly at 2.30pm

14th – Deer Class Assembly at 2.30pm

15th - Kingfisher Class Assembly at 2.30pm

21st – Hedgehog Class Assembly at 2.30pm

23rd - Secret Garden Production for children

23rd – PTA Film Night at 5.00pm TBC

29th – Break up for Easter at 2.00pm

April

16th – Children return to school

19th – Bikeability Year 4, details to follow

20th – Bikeability Year 5, details to follow

27th – PTA Toy & Uniform Sale at 2.00pm in the hall

May

7th – Bank Holiday

9th – Pedals training Year 2, details to follow

14th – 18th Year 6 SATs week

28th – 1st June Half term