



Welcome to our new Home School Link Worker



We look forward to welcoming Samantha Girvan, our new Home School Link Worker who will be joining us in January. She will be working at Ashford Park every Wednesday and half day on a Thursday. She is looking forward to meeting our children and our community.

House mosaic shields

Have you noticed our marvellous Mosaics which – celebrate the APPS Houses of Air, Fire, Earth and Water. The House designs were originally drawn by the children and following a House competition, the winning designs were chosen. Karen Parry, who is an extremely talented mosaic artist,

worked with the children from each house to re-create each house shield, and then mounted them on to the new build.



Author Visit

On Wednesday 14th December, we welcomed Author Fiona Scott. Fiona read her exciting books to each year group throughout the afternoon and answered the children's questions. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the stories Fiona told during her visit to Ashford Park.



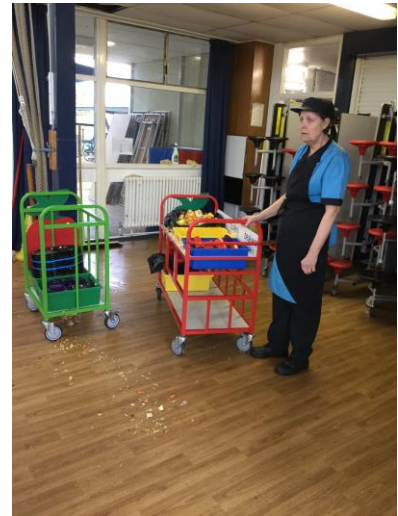
Christmas choir

The Salvation Army shed tears of joy, as our choir sang beautifully with the Salvation Army to the local Ashford Community.

Christmas lunch

Thank you to our incredible catering staff, who prepared and fed hundreds of children, with a delicious Christmas lunch.

Food waste



The APPS prefects will be supporting the children at lunchtime, with the expectation that food not eaten from packed lunches needs to be left in the lunch boxes, so that parents/carers can check over time just what their child/ren have been eating. There is also a significant

amount of food waste either on the floor or deposited in the recycling bin. PLEASE can we work together to encourage our children to eat their lunch, which will of course provide the nourishment for superstar learning. THANK YOU.

FACT assembly

We send our thanks to Avril from FACT (Faith Awareness in Children Trust), for her learning assemblies all about faiths from around the World.

Wonderful PTA

ONCE AGAIN we send our THANKS to the incredibly supportive parents and carers who through the PTA kindly provide such fantastic experiences for the community of Ashford Park. So far this term, we have loved the fireworks, enjoyed the festive Christmas fair, have been transported in to the land of Beauty and the Beast and just last week, danced the night away at the ever-popular Christmas disco.

Christmas celebrations

THANK YOU so much for coming to celebrate Christmas with us at

Ashford Park. Dr Who, certainly had a busy time, whizzing through the years and enjoying the popular songs throughout the years. As always, there wasn't a dry eye in the house as our angelic EYFS children completed the celebrations with their nativity tableau and then we all joined in with 'Feed the World', donating our spare change to the Salvation Army to help feed the needy of Ashford.

Considerate driving and parking

Please could you ensure that when using your vehicles in the vicinity of the school, that you do so with care and consideration for all drivers and all pedestrians. Please consider possibly parking slightly further away and walking to the school entrance as this will aid congestion in the turning circle.

Main Gate

From January 2017, the main gate will be closed at 3.30pm. The small gate by the main entrance will be open for parents/carers to access Koosa Club.

Certificates

Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week:
Sam T.



Dates for your diary

December

21st Break up for Christmas at 2.00pm

January 2017

3rd Children return to school

4th EYFS tours for Sept 2017, 9.30am & 6.00pm

9th Bushcraft Information Evening at 5.00pm, in the hall

10th Reception RE Day

11th Swimming starts for Swift class

12th Year 5 RE Day

February 2017

10th INSET Day

21st Year 2 pupils to Laleham Primary for Gifted and Talented Battle of the books.

