

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter

31st March 2017

Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



EASTER holiday

Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school in their summer uniform on Tuesday 18th April 2017 from 8.40a.m.

Trisha Hill

Sadly, Trisha will be leaving Ashford Park after working at our school for 25 years. Trish, has a wealth of knowledge about our school community and we are extremely grateful to her for her smiles and all of her hard work over these years. Trish, we wish you every happiness for the future. **THANK YOU!**

Sam Dawson

We send our very best wishes to Miss Dawson, who will be commencing her new role at The Fordway Centre after Easter. Sam has played a significant role at our school, not just as a class teacher and school leader, but also as a colleague who continually strived to guide our young learners with making the correct behaviour choices to support their ongoing learning. We will miss you Sam.

KS1 and KS2 SATs

If your child/ren are in years 2 or 6, they will soon be taking part in the

government standardised assessment tests known as SATs. Please find a useful government link which will further support your understanding, after our SATs information sessions that we ran 3 weeks ago.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2017-national-curriculum-tests-for-key-stages-1-and-2-information-for-parents>

School Meal Price Increase

From September 2017 the price of a school meal will be £2.25 per meal, £11.25 a week.

Year 4 visit to Ashford Library

On Tuesday 21st March, Harry S, Tristan, Finley, Harley, Charlie and Cole visited the Ashford Library.

When we arrived at the library we went to the front desk to receive our library cards. We were all so excited! Once we had all received our own cards, we went to the children's section to look at the different books. We learnt that there are many different types of books and lots of authors to choose from. We were allowed to look around the whole section and choose 5 books. We were so excited, so when we

got back to school we were allowed to read our books on the new outdoor learning tables. We are all looking forward to our next visit.



Year 3 Celebration of Learning

Thank you year 3. We loved your celebration of learning which you shared with your friends and family last week. Your confidence to present to an audience has grown so much over the last two years! **Thank you.**

Ducklings

We are delighted that all 6 ducklings continue to thrive being carefully looked after by our EYFS children and staff. Although one is a fraction of the size of the other 5 and has a poorly leg and beak, the nurturing environment and constant attention to his/her every need, will hopefully aid a speedy recovery.

SST Music festival

Every year we take part in a wonderful celebration of music at St Michael's church, proudly singing with 11 other primary and secondary Spelthorne schools. This enrichment event is a joy to attend and is only made possible through the commitment of our choir and Aimee and Jayne Miller, who lead. Thank you children, once again you were **AMAZING!**

Piano and guitar recitals

Keeping on the music theme, we all hugely enjoyed listening to our young musicians who played the piano and

guitar under the watchful eye of their music teachers, Anna and Dave. The children demonstrated both resilience and skill as they performed a concert to their peers and proud family members.

Well done to Ryan C, Katie D, Pratham H, Samuel D, Jack P, Joel J, Kshithi S, Olivia R, Annabel M-I, Millie F, Oliver C, Kate B, Nathan C, Oliver H & Ben S.



NSPCC Visit

On Monday 27th March Ben from the NSPCC (National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children) came to visit us. He talked about how to raise money for a worthwhile cause. In PE he taught us a drill about how to run a marathon. Some of us ran a long distance and the others ran a short distance. We all had to try to get to the

start line at the same time to keep up the pace, so we were all going the same maximum of speed. If you are ever getting down call: 0800 1111.

By Isabel T, Bradley H and Sarah D, Year 6



FA Skills Sessions

Louise taught Year 5 and 6 how to play football for 6 weeks, it was brilliant! I really enjoyed making our own games. Me and Andrew's game was that we had 2 crossers, 2 shooters and 1 goalkeeper. The aim of the game was to get as many points as you can by scoring goals in different ways.

By Jacob C & Andrew D

We really enjoyed the training sessions and all of the tasks. It was so fun and I hope to do it again one day. I really liked the matches, our team won two. I was so proud of

myself because I scored one.

By Noah C & Charlie S



The FA skills are running a Football skills holiday session at Matthew Arnold for children aged 6-11 on Tuesday 4th April 10am-1pm. It is free for girls and £3 for boys.

NSPCC

Ashford Park, you are amazing! You helped to raise £1700.00 in support of the NSPCC 'Speak out. Stay Safe' campaign.

THANK YOU!

PTA Film night

Our children had an incredible night of entertainment, courtesy of our incredible PTA, with our film and popcorn night. Over 300 children returned to school dressed in their PJs to watch 'The Trolls'. I'm sure that our community would like to say a HUGE

thank you to our PTA parents/carers who ran such a loud and fun-filled Friday evening!

Spelthorne BC Free Activity for children over Easter holidays

Workshop: Story telling from the men and women who fought in the Great War. In commemoration of the WW1 centenary between 2014 – 2018

Tuesday 11th April
Staines Library, Friends Walk, TW18 4PG
Times: 11am and 2pm
Ages: 8+
Cost: Free

At this workshop you will handle genuine artefacts from the western front and take part in an 'interactive logistics role play' game where the participants plan an attack while under fire.

Booking: To book your place please call leisure services on 01784 446433 or email leisure@spelthorne.gov.uk

Certificates

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

Leon J, Callum F, Jacob C, Sarah D, David S, Maja U, Finn O, Lyla W, Joel J and Emily N.



March

31st Break up for Easter at 2.00pm

April

18th Children return to school

27th Class photographs

27th Bikeability Level 1 (Year 5)

28th Pedals (Year 2)

28th PTA Toy and uniform sale pm, children to bring money into school

May

1st May Day Bank Holiday

5th Year 4 Assembly to parents

8th – 12th Year 6 SATs week

16th France 2017 Information Evening 3.30pm, in the hall or Kestrel class

22nd Year 6 RE Day

25th Acorn Centre Sleepover

26th PTA Inflatables Mufti Day (for Tombola)

26th Image Theatre

29th – 2nd June Half term

June

10th PTA Inflatable Day

12th – 16th Year 1 Phonics Screening

12th – 16th France Trip

20th, 22nd & 23rd Induction and story time for new EYFS

29th Sports Day

30th INSET Day