

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter  
16<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
*Inspiring a love for lifelong learning*



**Festive FUN!**

**Have a truly wonderful FESTIVE time Ashford Park, and we wish you ALL a very merry CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year 2023!**

**We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023, with our gates opening from 08:30.**

**Staff good wishes**

We send our love and best wishes to our Assistant Head teacher for Inclusion, Mrs Makepeace and to our Behaviour and Pastoral lead, Mrs Bartlett, as they move on to new adventures. Colleagues, you will be HUGELY missed by our children, staff, governors and parent community and may we take this opportunity to THANK YOU BOTH for all that you have achieved for the children of APPS.

**Christmas Jumper Day**

We raised an incredible £431.69 for 'Save the Children' on Christmas jumper day.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

**A visit from Father Christmas!**

On Tuesday morning Father Christmas visited

Ashford Park! Father Christmas popped into the hall and said 'Hello' to the children, whilst also kindly providing every child with a present!



**Christmas lunches**

We would like to send a huge thank you to Jo and her amazing kitchen team for serving over **470** Christmas lunches last Friday!

The children had a lovely time and thoroughly enjoyed their lunches whilst listening to Christmas music!

**Winter Festival at the Yehudi Menuhin School**

45 lucky children visited The Winter Festival at The Yehudi Menuhin School last Friday.



They observed two pieces of music played by the incredibly talented students of the school. The first was a piano recital of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker, illustrated by Emily Woodard [ecwoodard.com](http://ecwoodard.com) and narrated by Keelan Carew [Keelan\\_Carew\\_at\\_BBC\\_Sounds](http://Keelan_Carew_at_BBC_Sounds). The second was Raymond Brigg's The Snowman accompanied by the string orchestra playing Howard Blake's classic score. Please see the photos and comments from children below:

"The dancing was really funny and I thought that it must have been hard to learn how to play the instruments as the children played the instruments really fast. I enjoyed it because it was a great trip, and I'm very happy I could go." (David, KF)

"I really liked how the person in pyjamas came out and told the story - that was really fun. My most favourite instrument was a harp as it almost

sounded like it was magical." (Mila, KF)  
 "We got to hear the music and see many different musical instruments. The Snowman performance was my favourite because the video and piano with violins made me feel calm. I really enjoyed the trip and would definitely go again!" (Kienna, KF)



Keelan Carew narrating The Nutcracker.



Piano students performing Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker with illustrations from Emily Woodard.



Student singing Howard Blake's 'Walking in the Air'

accompanied by the string orchestra.

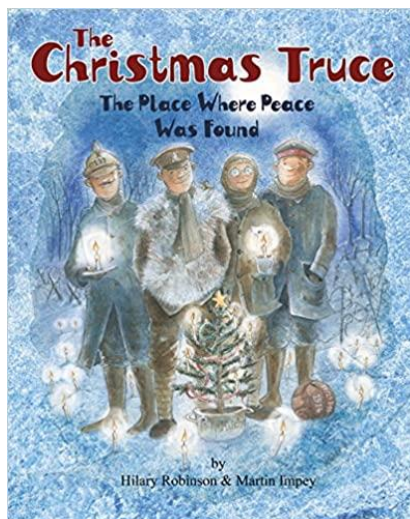


The harp being played beautifully.



@menuhinschool  
 #menuhinhall

**Martin Impey, illustrator of 'The Christmas Truce', visited APPS!**



**Year 5 and 6 quotes**

"Martin has a fabulous imagination."  
 Catherine, Year 6

"Martin Impey is an inspiring illustrator. He told us never to give up and if a publisher says no to keep going and follow your dreams. Martin has a wonderful imagination."  
 Charlie, Year 6

"I was honestly inspired by his work and his explanation of how he didn't give up on becoming an illustrator."  
 Karina, Year 6

**All aboard the Polar Express**



Children in years 1 and 2, felt truly festive watching the Polar Express, wearing their PJs and drinking hot chocolate with marshmallows, to welcome all the magic of Christmas! Happy times.

**Feeling FESTIVE at APPS**

- 3 x PTA discos
- 3 X Reception Christmas songs
- 3 X KS1 Nativities
- 1X KS2 Choir

**HAPPY TIMES! Have FUN Ashford Park!**



## **INSET Days 2022/23**

**3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**

20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

### **January**

3<sup>rd</sup> - INSET Day

**4<sup>th</sup> - Children return to school. Gates open from 08:30.**

5<sup>th</sup> - New to EYFS Parent Tours at 9.30am – 10.30am

5<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Chertsey Museum workshop

5<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Stubbington 2023 information evening at 3.30pm & 5.30pm

12<sup>th</sup> – Swimming starts for Swallow Class

17<sup>th</sup> – MUFTI Day in aid of Freedom from Abuse, £1 donation would be appreciated. Year 3,4,5 & 6 workshops during the day, along with a parent online workshop.

19<sup>th</sup> – Hedgehog Class Assembly at 2.40pm (gates open at 2.30pm)

23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 River trips

26<sup>th</sup> – Deer Class Assembly at 2.40pm (gates open at 2.30pm)

### **February**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Squirrel Class Assembly at 2.40pm (gates open at 2.30pm)

2<sup>nd</sup> - EYFS Sharing our Learning at 2.45pm. Parents enter through Station Crescent gate.

6<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 trip to Bocketts Farm

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> – Robin Class Parent Consultations

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – Parents Consultations in classrooms

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 trip to Farnham Museum

8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 residential trip to Stubbington

10<sup>th</sup> – Last day of half term, children finish at normal time 3.15pm

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Half term

20<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day

### **March**

2<sup>nd</sup> – World Book Day

7<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 & 6 workshops, The Railway Children by M & M Productions

10<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Sharing our Learning at 2.45pm. Parents to enter via Station Crescent gate

16<sup>th</sup> – Fox Class Assembly at 2.40pm (gates open at 2.30pm)

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall, 3.15-4.15pm

23<sup>rd</sup> – Mole Class Assembly at 2.40pm (gates open at 2.30pm)

23<sup>rd</sup> - Year 2 & Year 6 SATs Information Evening in classrooms, 3.30 and 5.30pm

30<sup>th</sup> – Badger Class Assembly at 2.40pm (gates open at 2.30pm)

31<sup>st</sup> – Children break up at 2.00pm

### **April**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Easter holidays