

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter
3rd February 2023
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



Safeguarding hotspot

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is on the 7th February. Please find attached parent guides regarding Tik Tok and App Age Rating for your information.

Year 3 River Walk local trip



Year 3 carried out fieldwork in our local area and walked to the River Ash. We identified many physical and human features, whilst discussing and applying our learning to 'real life!'



We talked about the source of the River Ash - the River Colne. We discussed the mouth - the River Thames, and where on the rivers course we thought we were.



We were keen to discuss pollution and the impact it has on the surrounding habitat and wildlife and what we could do to reduce this. Towards the end, we investigated the flow of the river by playing 'Pooh sticks'. Some of our sticks did not travel as fast because we dropped them on the banks of the river, slowing the current down!

Staff as lifelong learners

Miss Butcher

Congratulations to Miss Butcher who has passed the 'National Professional Qualification for Leading Teacher Development'.



Mrs O'Mahony

Please be advised that Mrs O'Mahony will be leaving APPS after February half term. We send enormous thanks and very best wishes to Mrs O'Mahony, whose smiles and knowledge have supported a significant number of children and staff throughout the challenges of COVID and over time.



Please be reassured that despite the significant SEND changes in our school over this academic year, we shall shortly be interviewing for a new SENCO to work alongside

Miss Martin, Assistant Head teacher for Inclusion and our SEND team.

Mrs Wootton

Congratulations to Mrs Wootton, who has again been successful in her assessment to become a Standards and Testing Assessment KS2 Local Authority moderator for writing.



Lost Property Box

The Lost Property Box has been moved to the playground, next to the PTA Christmas Jumper Box, near the Reception building. This will enable parents to access it easily every day when they collect their children.

If your child has lost any items, please check the box by next Friday 10th February. Unfortunately, any items not collected may be disposed of.

Thank you for your support.

Achievement

Maths Shed

Top class - Squirrel & Kingfisher

Top Mathematicians:
Tristan T-M

Spelling Shed

Top Class – Hedgehog & Moorhen

Top spellers – Colin C

Pobble

The class Pobble authors for this week are:

Olivia D, Isla C, Arianna B, Harry B, Freya W, Matilda A, Rebecca J, Lola L and Darcie P.

Star Writers

Troy F, Nancy P, Ghezal N, Bahareh M, Ciaran H and Ivy P.

MAC – Making Attendance Count
Whole School Attendance 93.3%

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Hedgehog Class with 99.3%.

Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Swallow Class with 97.9%. Fantastic!



INSET Days 2022/23

20th February 2023

3rd July 2023

Items in purple are newly added to calendar

February

6th – Year 1 trip to Bocketts Farm

6th & 7th – Parents Consultations in classrooms

6th & 8th – Rabbit Class Parent Consultations

8th & 9th – Year 5 trip to Farnham Museum

8th – 10th – Year 4 residential trip to Stubbington

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

13th – 17th Half term

20th – INSET Day

March

1st – Reception trip to the Lookout Centre

2nd – World Book Day

2nd – Year 4 trip to Watts Gallery Moorhen Class

3rd – Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle

7th – Year 5 & 6 workshops, The Railway Children by M & M Productions

7th & 8th – Reception height and weight checks

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

15th – Year 4 trip to Watts Gallery Heron Class

16th – Year 4 trip to Watts Gallery Kingfisher Class

16th – Fox Class Assembly at 2.40pm (gates open at 2.30pm)

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

23rd – Mole Class Assembly at 2.40pm (gates open at 2.30pm)

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