

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter
15th September 2023
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



Safeguarding hotspot

During INSET, all staff received their statutory annual Safeguarding training, on the updates from 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', September 2023. We all have a collective responsibility to child protection and safeguarding each and every child. Please get in touch with our safeguarding teams if you need support or need to report.

We also received updated training on First Aid, GDPR and Fire Safety.

Bicycles and scooters on the playground

We have an increasing amount of children riding their bicycles and scooters towards the back gate. Please do not allow your children to ride their bicycles or scooters on the school playground, as they can accidentally run into other children or adults.

Thank you for your support.

PTA Committee Meeting

There is a PTA Committee Meeting on Monday 18th September at 6.30pm in the school hall. All parents are welcome and your attendance would be

appreciated. We hope to see you there.

A Welcome from our NEW Head Teacher

'I am honoured to be the NEW Head Teacher at Ashford Park. I have received a warm welcome from everyone and I look forward to building on Ashford Park's strong foundations.



The term has started well! We have revisited our APPS vision, values and set out the high expectations of both the staff and children. This term we focus on **belonging**. Together, we want to ensure a strong sense of community, where everyone feels valued, respected and heard. This will enable everyone to thrive - **Achieving Potential, Producing, Success.**

Try a School Lunch Day

On Thursday 5th October we are holding a 'Try a

School Lunch Day' for the KS1 children.

The menu for the **whole school** on this day will be:

Tomato Pasta Bake

or

Jacket Potato with Cheese and / or Beans

Both options are followed by a Strawberry Mousse

Your child is entitled to a Free School Meal if they are in Reception, Year 1 or 2.

On 5th October **ALL** children from these year groups will be able to try a school lunch, freshly prepared in our on-site kitchen. If your child usually brings a packed lunch they may still do so, but will also have the opportunity to sample our delicious school lunches.

Updating details – Sims Lite App

Have you moved address or changed your telephone number over the holidays? If so, please remember to update your details using the Sims Lite App. For parents / carers unable to use this, there is a Parental Details Update Form available on our website. This can be found under News and Events / Forms / Parental Details Update Form.

Parking considerably

Please consider our neighbours when dropping off / picking up your children.

Please do not park across residents' driveways or on corners with dropped kerbs where the children cross.

Thank you for keeping our children safe.

Cancellation of MUFTI Day

Just to advise that the MUFTI Day originally planned for the 26th September has now been cancelled.

Spare school uniform

We have plenty of spare uniform, so please do not bring any into school. The PTA also have plenty in stock.

Thank you for your past donations.

Achievement

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Whole School Attendance 95.7%

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Mole Class with 99.2%.

Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Swallow Class with 99.2%. Fantastic!



INSET Days 2023/24

30th October

2nd January 2024

19th February 2024

September

18th – PTA Committee Meeting at 6.30pm

26th – KS1 Flamenco workshop

27th - EYFS & Y1 Phonics and Early Reading Workshop for parents 3.30 – 4.15pm, in the hall

October

4th – Year 6 Hooke Court residential trip 2024 meeting, in the hall at 5.00pm

5th – Year 5 trip to Hampton Court

6th – Year 1 & 2 Share our Learning - in Classrooms at 2.45pm. Parents to enter via Queens Walk entrance

6th – PTA Quiz Night

10th - New to EYFS Parent Tours 9.30 - 10.30am

12th – Year 1 Brooklands Museum trip

17th & 18th - Deer Class Parent Consultations

18th & 19th Parent Consultations

19th –EYFS African Drumming Workshop

20th – Last day of half term, children finish at normal time 3.15pm

23rd – 27th Half term

30th - INSET Day

31st - Children return to school

November

2nd – Individual photographs

6th – 17th Year 6 Bikeability AM only

9th – Year 4 Mr Egypt workshop in the hall

9th - New to EYFS Parent Tours 6.00 -7.00pm

13th & 14th – Whole school flu vaccinations

13th - Odd Socks Day, to raise awareness of anti-bullying

16th – Parents Information Evening for 2024 Stubbington residential trip 3.30 & 5.30pm

15th – Year 6 SATs Information Evening 3.30 & 5.30pm in classrooms

15th – 17th – Year 3 First Feet Training (Road Safety) - optional for parents to sign up

16th – Year 4 Stubbington 2025 (current Year 3 children) Information Evening 3.30 & 5.30pm in the hall

28th - Year 6 Lincolnsfield trip

December

6th – 9.45am Reception Christmas Songs for parents of children in Dormouse and first half of Otter Class

7th – 9.45am Reception Christmas Songs for parents of children in Rabbit Class and second half of Otter Class

8th – Christmas dinner day and Christmas jumper day