

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter
22nd September 2023
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



**Safeguarding hotspot
Play equipment**

When collecting your children, please do not allow them to use the play equipment. Please also exit the site promptly, so that the gates can be closed.

Collection of children

We have had several children being collected late already this term.

Parents / Carers should be outside the classrooms for 3.15pm ready to collect their children. We understand that if there are siblings, you need to collect the youngest first.

Parking considerably

We are still receiving complaints regarding inconsiderate parking. 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.



**Year 3 Circus workshop
and Butser Ancient Farm visit**



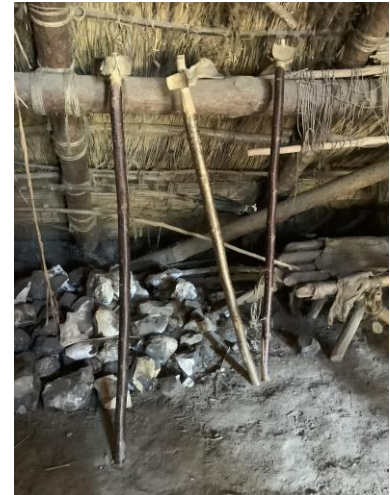
Over the last two weeks, Year 3 have been lucky enough to experience two wonderful learning opportunities.



We attended the Sensible Circus workshop as part of our learning around the Literacy Tree text - Leon and the Place Between - which we are using in our writing. We practised our plate-spinning skills. It was very tricky! We also spun flower sticks with two batons and balanced a peacock's feather on our noses!

We also enjoyed a lovely sunny day at Butser Ancient farm, where we continued

our learning about the Stone Age.



During the day, we modelled pots using clay, drew carvings in chalk, imagined we were archaeologists digging for ancient artefacts and learnt about how people lived in the Stone Age.

Wentworth Golf trip

Four Y5 pupils were invited by Pobble to the DP World Tour BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth last Thursday. Simon from @HeyPobble ran an exciting writing workshop as part of their Literacy through Sport initiative. The immersive experience of golf inspired the children's writing.

[@Ashford_Park](https://twitter.com/Ashford_Park)



Luke, George, Mia and Matilda – you were all APPS stars!

Well done to Georgia!



Georgia in Heron Class attended the 2K Junior Park Run for children age 4-14yrs. Georgia finished in 8th place out of 101 children! Last Sunday Jo Wicks attended and joined in with his two children. Georgia got to run with him and meet him afterwards. Congratulations to Georgia, what a great experience.

Secondary school applications

If your child will reach age 11 between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024, they will be due to start secondary school in September 2024. You can apply for a secondary school place from 1 September 2023.

The **closing date** for on-time applications to secondary schools is **31 October 2023**.

Admissions suggest that you submit your application by Friday 20 October, before the half term holiday.

For more information and to apply online, please visit: surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

PTA Fireworks Display

Our popular annual Fireworks Display is back! Dubbed 'better than Kempton' we promise you an evening of family friendly fun on Saturday 4th November. Join us from 4pm for some delicious dinner options from external food vendors, and a drink at our bar selling beer, prosecco, mulled wine and Baileys hot chocolate. There will also be a DJ, games, yummy treats, glow toys, neon face painting, and a bungee trampoline to keep the children entertained until blast off at 6pm.

Our professional fireworks display is provided by award winning Star Fireworks who have worked on numerous television shows including Big Brother, Children in Need, and This Morning. Save time and money by purchasing your tickets online, and don't forget pre-schoolers go free!

Link: <https://buytickets.at/ashfordparkprimaryschoolpta/1011588>

Tickets are just £6 in September, £7 in October and £8 on the gate.

This is a charity event organised by Ashford Park Primary School PTA (registered charity [1162578](#)) all money raised will go towards supporting the school to enhance the children's educational experiences.

Spare clothing

If you have any spare clean socks, girls and boys pants, shorts or leggings for PE, it would be greatly appreciated.

Achievement

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Whole School Attendance 96.1%

Congratulations to the joint Top Ted winners last week being Rabbit Class and Otter Class with 100%.

Congratulations to the joint Top Dog winners being Moorhen Class and Kingfisher Class with 99%. Fantastic!



INSET Days 2023/24

30th October

2nd January 2024

19th February 2024

September

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.

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

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