

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter
29th September 2023
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



Safeguarding Hotspot



WhatsApp

Please can we remind parents and carers regarding the use of WhatsApp. Please remember that individual children's names should not be referred to in conversations on parent/carer group chats.

Managing risks with my child's devices

Parental controls can help limit potential risks, such as installing passwords, blocking certain websites or apps, and setting time limits and spending limits. A step by step guide to parental controls is available here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

Parent Code of Conduct

As we are into the full swing of the new academic year, we wanted to share our Code of Conduct for Parents as a reminder of how we endeavour to work in positive partnership with all members of the APPS community. We know that if problems are raised sooner rather than later, following the appropriate channels of communication, that we

can address any concerns in an effective and timely manner.

Please see link below for the Code of Conduct for Parents:

[Code of Conduct for Parents](#)

Spelthorne Boys Football Tournament



On Friday 22nd September, seven boys across years 5 and 6 represented APPS at the Spelthorne Boys Football Tournament. We won our first game, with a hat trick by Leon. Unfortunately, we lost our next two and drew our last game. The boys played incredibly well, displaying excellent sportsmanship and respect for all the teams and referees. Well done boys! Let's have a great season!

KS1 Star Writers

Well done to our Star Writers:

Virat K for writing a brilliant retell of Cave

Baby using lots of adjectives.

Jennifer J for using 'and' as a conjunction when writing about our class text Cave Baby.



Avril P for her hard work in English, writing her retell of the story Cave Baby.

Ava H for writing an amazing apology letter as Goldilocks using lots of common exception words.

Joshua K-C for using contractions and conjunctions to write an apology letter from Goldilocks.

Atharv K for using the conjunction 'but' in sentences to compare two versions of Goldilocks.

Remember to use your pencils to keep writing!

Head Teacher updates from Mr Boulton

Teaching and Learning



TEACHING
WALKTHRUS

We are delighted to be working with Tom Sherrington Education Author and Professional

Development Provider, as we continue to implement his Teaching WalkThrus at APPS. This project will help us refine our practice and develop classroom expertise with a focus on every lesson being accessible, concise and attractive to all.

Link: [@teacherhead](https://twitter.com/teacherhead)

APPS Values, Behaviour and Attitudes

Belonging is our first APPS value this term. We have discussed the importance of unity, both within our school community and globally. Children are showcasing this throughout the school, checking in with each other and adults (using the 1 – 10 scale) and by being inclusive and supportive of each other.

Our Friendly Faces and Prefects do a fantastic job in supporting this too.

Well done to Reggie!

On Saturday, Reggie from Year 4 completed the Mini Tough Mudder and raised money for the mental health charity Men's Minds Matter.



Reggie loved taking part - what a fantastic achievement Reggie, well done!

Food bank donations for Harvest

In celebration of Harvest Festival, we would love to continue giving the Salvation Army our generous support with their Food Bank. The list below shows vital non-perishable food and sanitary products needed. If you are able to donate an item from the list, it would be greatly appreciated. Donated items can be brought into your **child's class** or donated directly to the Salvation Army in Ashford. Items can be donated to the school from Monday 2nd October through to Friday 6th October. The suggested list includes:

Coffee, milk (UHT), tinned meat, tinned chicken in sauce, tinned tuna, pasta sauce, sweet/savoury biscuits, tinned fruit, tinned rice/custard, washing up liquid, deodorant, all purpose cleaning spray, toilet rolls. Other items can be brought in as long as they are non-perishable. Thank you for your support.

Help for families

We are all aware of the rising cost of living and the strain this is placing on all families.

You may be eligible for support with broadband, gas, water and electricity

costs if you are in receipt of certain benefits.

The following website offers support and advice around this.

www.socialtariff.co.uk

Wellies for Reception children

Reception would appreciate any donations of wellies. They are running low for their mud kitchen and children's feet seem to be getting bigger! Thank you for your support.

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE SPELTHORNE SCHOOLS PRAYER GROUP

We trust that you have all enjoyed the summer holidays and that your

child/children will settle well into their new classes, embrace new experiences, enjoy their learning and make some good friends.

For those of you who are new to the school, we are a friendly group of Christians from a wide range of churches who meet to pray for 25 local nurseries, playgroups and schools. Now in our 31st year, we thank God for all the amazing answers to prayer we have witnessed over that time. As a prayer group we truly believe that now, more than at any other time, all children, young people, families, teachers and all involved in education need our prayers, and it is our joy and privilege to do just that.

We meet monthly on Friday mornings, 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

Forthcoming Dates

October 13th

November 10th

December 8th

January 12th

If this is something you sense God is calling you to be a part of, we'd love to hear from you—likewise if you wish to share items for prayer, please contact:

e-mail: info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org

Instagram:

[spelthorne.schools.prayer](https://www.instagram.com/spelthorne.schools.prayer)

Achievement

KS2 Pobble Published Authors

Well done to the following children who have had their work published on Pobble this week:

Cara K, Reggie D, Alicia J, Zuzanna P, Azra B, Andriani K, Isla C, Karim A and Gracie E-W.

Please do check it out using your logins.

KS1 Star Writers

Virat K, Jennifer J, Avril P, Ava H, Joshua K-C and Atharv K.

Times Table Rockstars

Marley M, Aiza C, Erik W-E and Olivia B.

MAC – Making Attendance Count
Whole School Attendance 94.9%

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Dormouse Class with 98.3%.

Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Woodpecker Class with 98%. Fantastic!



INSET Days 2023/24

30th October

2nd January 2024

19th February 2024

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

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