



**Congestion outside school**

Whenever possible, please park a few roads down and walk to the school gates. We are experiencing congestion and gridlock outside the school gates in the mornings. Thank you for your support.



**Attendance**

A big 'thank you' to all of the families who are working with us to improve our attendance. If your child has a cough or a cold, we still expect your child to be attending school. Please be assured, staff will look after your child and will contact parents/carers if they are concerned in anyway. If your child's attendance has fallen below 90% then you will be receiving a letter to make you aware of this. We will be expecting your child's attendance to be improving when we monitor again next term. Whole school attendance

is a national focus for all schools, it is essential that we can minimise term time absence and show improvements over time. Everyone's support is needed! Please read the attached 'Making Attendance Count' document.

**Pupil Welfare Administrator vacancy**

We have a vacancy in our school office for a Pupil Welfare Administrator. Please see our website under Our School / Vacancies, Recruitment and Safeguarding for more information. <https://www.ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies%2C+Recruitment+and+Safeguarding&pid=40>

**Reporting pupil absences**

Please call the office and leave a message before 9.00am to report pupil absences. If you have left a message, there is no need to email or call back to confirm we have received it. If we have any queries, we will call you. Please provide the reason / symptoms for the absence. Please provide more details than simply stating 'unwell' e.g. sore throat, cough etc., This enables us to keep accurate records.

**Thinking of a career in teaching? Would you like to train in a school in your local community? Do you want to find out more?**



South Farnham SCITT will be holding a teacher recruitment event at APPS on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October between 1pm and 5pm. This is a drop-in event for anyone in the local area who wants to find out more about training to be a teacher and the application process.

South Farnham SCITT is an outstanding, innovative and highly respected provider of Primary Initial Teacher Training. They are the region's largest school-led primary provider and are praised for their personalised approach for every trainee regardless of circumstance. The South Farnham SCITT vision is to recruit and train the outstanding teachers of the future. They also work in partnership with [George Abbot SCITT](#) to deliver secondary provision across our region. Many of our amazing teachers

at APPS have trained with South Farnham.

Attached is a flyer giving more information about the event. Please do drop in for an informal chat.

## 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](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions)

# Achievement

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## MAC – Making Attendance Count

## Whole School Attendance 92.3%

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Fox Class with 94.7%.

Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Woodpecker Class with 99.7%. Fantastic!



## INSET Days 2023/24

30<sup>th</sup> October

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## October

**17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** – Parent Consultations for Dormouse, Squirrel, Deer, Hedgehog and Owl Class

**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>** Parent Consultations, for all other classes

**19<sup>th</sup>** – EYFS African Drumming Workshop

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>** Half term

**30<sup>th</sup>** - INSET Day

**31<sup>st</sup>** - Children return to school

**November**

**4<sup>th</sup>** – PTA Firework Display, gates open at 4pm, blast off at 6pm

**6<sup>th</sup>** – Individual photographs

**6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>** Year 6 Bikeability AM only

**8<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Multiplication Check information evening at 3.30 & 5.30pm, in the hall

**9<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Mr Egypt workshop in the hall

**9<sup>th</sup>** – Parent Consultations for the Acorn Centre

**9<sup>th</sup>** - New to EYFS Parent Tours 6.00 -7.00pm

**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>** – Whole school flu vaccinations

**13<sup>th</sup>** - Odd Socks Day, to raise awareness of anti-bullying

**15<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6 SATs Information Evening 3.30 & 5.30pm in classrooms

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

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

**28<sup>th</sup>** - Year 6 Lincolnsfield trip

**December**

**5<sup>th</sup>** – PTA Christmas Discos

2.00 - 3.00 Acorn, 3.30 – 4.30 Year 1, 4.45 - 5.45 Year 3, 6.00 – 7.00 Year 5

**6<sup>th</sup>** - PTA Christmas Discos

2.00 - 3.00 Reception, 3.30 – 4.30 Year 2, 4.45 - 5.45 Year 4, 6.00 – 7.00 Year 6

Year Reception to Year 2 can come to school dressed in their party clothes