

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter  
20<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
*Inspiring a love for lifelong learning*



### Half term holiday

We wish you a relaxing half term break.

Please enjoy this special time with your families and we look forward to seeing the children return to school on Tuesday 31st October, as Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October is an INSET Day.

### Safeguarding hotspot

**We are a nut and sesame free school**



Just a reminder that we are a nut free school, as we have children who have **life threatening nut allergies**. Please do not send children in with packed lunches containing **nuts or sesame seeds**. Although sesame seeds are classified as seeds and not nuts, the proteins in sesame seeds may resemble proteins in certain nuts and **may trigger an allergic reaction in children who have a nut allergy**.

Thank you for your support.

### Congestion outside the school gates

Please plan ahead to park further away from the school as congestion is already a problem at drop-off and collection. **There is no parking at any time on the double yellow lines and turning circle**

**outside of the school on Station Crescent.** This is to **keep the children safe** as they enter and leave the premises. It is everybody's responsibility to avoid unnecessary congestion and potentially dangerous situations. Please see attachment for further information.  
Thank you for your co-operation.



### Year 1 Brooklands Museum trip

Last Thursday Year 1 went to Brooklands Museum for our school trip, linked to our history learning about Air and Space.



We had a fantastic time learning about planes from the past and comparing them to planes now.



We even went on a Concorde plane and a plane that belonged to a Prince!



We enjoyed our workshop where we learnt to make a glider, which we then tested back at school.



We also got some time to explore the bus museum and see how the buses have changed over time.

### **Year 5 Hampton Court Palace trip**

Year 5 had a fantastic day at Hampton Court Palace. The sun was shining which allowed us to enjoy walking around the beautiful gardens and sketch the courtyards.



We also walked around the kitchens and discovered what sort of food and drink Tudors consumed. Each class participated in a workshop about King Henry's Court and we had a tour of King Henry VIII's Apartments.



Here is what some of the children in Swift Class thought about the day:

"I liked the part when we found out about where the servants slept." Scarlett

"I enjoyed seeing all of the pictures and seeing what happened in the kitchens." Isla

"I found it interesting to learn about the eavesdroppers." Rebecca

"I enjoyed looking at the paintings in the galleries."

Oliver



### **Hospital Pyjama appeal**

Thank you for donating to the Hospital Pyjama appeal. Along with the donations of pyjamas, we also raised £239.84.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

### **War and Conflict**

Please find attached flyer titled Talking to Your Child about War and Conflict. In these times of uncertainty, you may find this useful in helping children and young people make sense of distressing news.

### **New to EYFS Parent Tours**

We held our first New to EYFS Parent Tour last Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, which was well attended.

Our next tours take place on:

6pm Thursday 9th November 2023

9.30am Tuesday 9th January 2024

Please click on the following link to book your place:  
<https://forms.gle/RzjPYZoawh17KmXp7>

**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](https://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions)

### **PTA Peter Pan tickets**

PTA tickets for Peter Pan in Panto are now available! Monday 11th December at New Victoria Theatre Woking.

All tickets are in the stalls and are priced at £15. If you'd like to apply for tickets please submit your details

via: <https://gforms.app/ubZD2bh>

Please note that priority will be given to those who volunteer at our fireworks event. You can sign up to volunteer

here: <https://volunteersignup.org/TE479>

## **Achievement**

### **Year 4 Maths Shed winners!**

The Maths Shed Leader board shows that Year 4 classes and the whole year group are holding 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the world!

Moorhen was rated 1<sup>st</sup> on the board! Heron and

Moorhen have been fighting for this position all week and keep over taking each other! Well done Year 4, what a fantastic achievement!

### Star Writers KS1

Nancy P (Fox), Nancy P (Badger), Carter B, Abdul Kareem C, Natalia P and William P.

### MAC – Making Attendance Count

### Whole School Attendance 94.5%

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Squirrel Class with 98.7%.

Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Woodpecker Class with 99.3%. Fantastic!



### INSET Days 2023/24

30<sup>th</sup> October

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### October

**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

**24<sup>th</sup>** – MUFTI Day for PTA chocolate tombola

**24<sup>th</sup>** – PTA Christmas Fair 5.00-8.00pm, 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

**6<sup>th</sup>** – 9.45am Reception Christmas Songs for parents of children in Dormouse and first half of Otter Class

**7<sup>th</sup>** – 9.45am Reception Christmas Songs for parents of children in Rabbit Class and second half of Otter Class

**8<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas dinner day and Christmas jumper day - £1 donation for Save the Children appreciated

**11<sup>th</sup>** – PTA Peter Pan in Pantomime trip

KS1 Nativity to parents at 9.45am:

**13<sup>th</sup>** – Badger & Deer parents

**14<sup>th</sup>** – Fox & Hedgehog parents

**15<sup>th</sup>** – Mole & Squirrel parents

**14<sup>th</sup>** – KS2 Choir Concert at 3.30pm accompanied by refreshments. No additional KS2 performances. If any KS2 child chooses to perform, they can attend Choir Club which is free, on a Friday

**15<sup>th</sup>** – Children break up at 2.00pm

**18<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Jan** – Christmas holidays

### January

**2<sup>nd</sup>** - INSET Day

**3<sup>rd</sup>** - Children return to school

**4<sup>th</sup>** – Year 1 Chertsey Museum Toy Workshop

**9<sup>th</sup>** - New to EYFS Parent Tours 9.30 -10.30am

**18<sup>th</sup>** - Moorhen Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

**25<sup>th</sup>** - Heron Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

**30<sup>th</sup>** - Year 4 Stubbington 2024 (current Year 4 children) Information Evening 5.30pm in the hall

### February

**1<sup>st</sup>** - Kingfisher Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

**12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** Half term

**19<sup>th</sup>** – INSET Day

**20<sup>th</sup>** - Children return to school