

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter
3rd November 2023
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



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 can resemble proteins in certain nuts and **can trigger an allergic reaction in children who have a nut allergy**.

Please see attached flyer regarding allergies. Thank you for your support.

Year 2 Science Day



On Tuesday 17th October 2023, Year 2 had an incredible Science Day.



We planted different bulbs and we can't wait to see what happens to them. We have to look after them and make sure we water them if it doesn't rain.



When we came back to school on Tuesday 31st October, I was surprised to see a shoot from one of our bulbs.



Please find attached our Year 2 Science Day newsletter written by the children.

Any parents / carers from across the school are invited to come along to Deer Class straight after school on Monday 6th or Wednesday 15th November to try out the microscopes with their children.

Primary school admission applications

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 they will be due to start school at either an infant or primary school in September 2024.

You can apply for a place at a primary, infant or junior school from 30 October 2023.

If your child was born after 31 August 2020, you should start considering which schools you want to apply for at the beginning of the school year in which your child turns four. **The annual closing date for applications is 15 January.**

For more information and to apply online, please visit:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>

Poppies



We will be selling poppies on the gates next week, any donations for the Royal British Legion would be greatly appreciated.

The Royal British Legion Spitfire!

On Sunday 12th November the Royal British Legion will be arranging for a spitfire to visit the Two Rivers Car Park in Staines.



This will take place in the area adjoining Boots and Costa, between 10.00am – 4.00pm.

The Children in Need MUFTI Day

We will be holding a MUFTI Day for children in Need on Friday 17th November, please send your donations on the day or pay online using Scopay. £1 a child would be amazing, if you can.

The theme this year is: 'Be **spotacular**'. Children are welcome to get creative and come to school in a Spotacular

way on Friday 17th November.



The whole school will be taking part in the Pudsey Bearpees Challenge.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/primary-school/bearpees/>



How many thousand bearpees can the APPS community do?

In addition, from Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th November we will be selling the following Children in Need items on the playground after school

£1 badges, £1 wristbands, £2.50 ears

These will be sold on a first come, first served basis – please bring cash only.

The National Autistic society available courses

All the online courses are accessible via the links:

[Stepping Up for Autism](#) (8 weekly sessions will run on the same day and at the time.)

To view the current topics, please follow this link to our [Specialist Workshops](#)

Achievement

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Whole School Attendance 93.7 %

INSET Days 2023/24

2nd January 2024

19th February 2024

November

4th – PTA Firework Display, gates open at 4pm, blast off at 6pm

6th – Individual photographs, no PE this day

6th – 17th Year 6 Bikeability AM only

8th – Year 4 Multiplication Check information evening at 3.30 & 5.30pm, in the hall

9th – Year 4 Mr Egypt workshop in the hall

9th – Parent Consultations for the Acorn Centre

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

10th – Uniformed groups can wear their uniforms for Armistice Day

13th & 14th – Whole school flu vaccinations

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