

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter  
19<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
*Inspiring a love for lifelong learning*



### **Safeguarding Hotspot**

Staff have received further training this week about on-line safety, and we shall be updating our website with further information, to support our families with keeping your children safe on-line e.g. with computers, games and telephones, when in your care.

### **MAC – Making Attendance Count**

Last week was an incredibly successful week for APPS attendance figures, with a number of classes having OVER 99% – WELL DONE!

**Top Ted** winners – **Dormouse Class** with **100%** and **JOINT Top Dog** winners were **Heron and Kestrel** with **99.3%**. **THANK YOU** so much for working in partnership with us, as we endeavour to support the children with these lifelong skills.

### **BBC Super Movers Maths**

Kestrel, Osprey and Swift class had an exciting Maths lesson in the hall on Thursday. Our teachers signed us up to join the BBC Super Movers Maths live lesson. We had great fun learning about fractions, decimals and percentages alongside many other

schools across the country.

Year 6 “It’s helped me to turn fractions into percentages” - Kyla

Year 6 “It was cool because it was entertaining but still taught you something” – Chloe

Year 5 “It helped me turn fractions into decimals” - Ellis

Year 5 – “It helped me understand percentages” – Trisha



### **Sickness and diarrhoea – absence from school**

Please note that if your child has sickness and / or diarrhoea, they should not return to school until **48**

### **hours after the last bout.**

This is to help prevent the sickness spreading throughout the school.

Thank you for your support.

### **Ultimate Adventure trip**

Just a reminder that the final balance due for the Ultimate Adventure trip is on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

### **National Professional Qualification for Middle Leadership (NPQML)**

We send our **congratulations** to Miss Fearon (Otter class teacher), for successfully completing her NPQML. Miss Fearon conducted a practical research study on developing behaviour for learning through the house point system.

### **Visiting dance specialist**

We send our thanks to Mr Steven Taylor, who came to run a special dance and drama lesson with Swift Class, as the class were introduced to their imaginative learning project, ‘Stargazers’. Thank you Mr Taylor.

### **Sign2Sing**

The children are all learning to sing and sign to the song Friends Forever. On Tuesday 6th

February we will be performing the song as a school in support of the charity Sign Health. On this day the children are invited to wear Mufti and bring in a contribution of £1 for this charity.

If you would like to practise at home the song can be found on the website [sign2sing.or.uk](http://sign2sing.or.uk) or on YouTube under sign2sing 2018. You might also like to practise signing the alphabet using the attached finger spelling poster. Maybe this could be a fun way to practise spellings this week!

### A message from Spelthorne Borough Council

We just wanted to say thank you on behalf of all Spelthorne Council's Meals on wheels customers who received Christmas cards from the children at your school this year. Please if possible could you acknowledge the children again for their hard work and say what a difference it made to the people who were alone at Christmas. Below are a selection of quotes;

"It was lovely to get the cards from the 'kiddies' and to know they are thinking about us."

"I wanted to thank you for the card, it really cheered me up".

"Thank you to the children for taking the time to make me a card".



Peter, aged 88



### Certificates

Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week:

Thomas H-D, Emily M-R, Oscar H, Calum B, Oliver W, Tilly B, Irina B, Tony A, Abigail G, Olivia L, Fred B, Frankie B, Stanley H, Oliver C, Navjot Kaur T, Kenzie R, Mae P, Chanel W, Max E, Isabel A, Chloe S and Jamie W.



### January

**29<sup>th</sup>** – 'Just Joshing' Anti-Bullying Theatre Production for children

### February

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Swift Class Assembly at 2.30pm

**6<sup>th</sup>** – MUFTI Day in aid of Sign2Sing

**7<sup>th</sup>** – Badger Class Assembly at 2.30pm

**8<sup>th</sup>** – Children break up for half term at 3.15pm

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

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

**21<sup>st</sup>** – Fox Class Assembly at 2.30pm

**23<sup>rd</sup>** – Year 6 Assembly at 2.30pm

**28<sup>th</sup>** - Mole Class Assembly at 2.30pm

### March

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Skylark Class Assembly at 2.30pm

**7<sup>th</sup>** – Squirrel Class Assembly at 2.30pm

**8<sup>th</sup>** – 'Enough Abuse' workshop for parents and children in years 4, 5 & 6 in the hall 3.30 – 5.00pm

**9<sup>th</sup>** – Heron Class Assembly at 2.30pm

**14<sup>th</sup>** – Deer Class Assembly at 2.30pm

**15<sup>th</sup>** - Kingfisher Class Assembly at 2.30pm

**21<sup>st</sup>** – Hedgehog Class Assembly at 2.30pm

**23<sup>rd</sup>** - Secret Garden Production for children

**23<sup>rd</sup>** – PTA Film Night at 5.00pm TBC

**29<sup>th</sup>** – Break up for Easter at 2.00pm

### April

**16<sup>th</sup>** – Children return to school

**19<sup>th</sup>** – Bikeability Year 4, details to follow

**20<sup>th</sup>** – Bikeability Year 5, details to follow

**27<sup>th</sup>** – PTA Toy & Uniform Sale at 2.00pm in the hall

### May

**7<sup>th</sup>** – Bank Holiday

**9<sup>th</sup>** – Pedals training Year 2, details to follow

**14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>** Year 6 SATs week

**28<sup>th</sup>** – 1<sup>st</sup> June Half term