



Safeguarding Hotspot

Please do not park in the turning circle in Station Crescent when dropping off children in the mornings. This causes major congestion - **this area has been gridlocked several times this week.** Thank you for your support.

Gate code for KOOSA and after school clubs

To access and exit the site for KOOSA and after school clubs, please remember to bring the code that was emailed to you. Please remember to bring the code, as the office staff may not be available.

Christmas Fair

Please find attached flyer for the Christmas Fair which is taking place on Friday 24th November from 5.00pm – 8.00pm. This day is also a MUFTI Day for the PTA chocolate tombola.

Communications

Please see link below to our website which details the order and who to contact if you have any issues:

[Communications and Concerns](#)

Responses to phone calls and emails will be made within 48 hours.

Please note that teaching staff are in class during the day, so they will not be able to call back straight away.

A warm welcome to Mrs Chloe Little

We wish to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Chloe Little who is our new Pupil Welfare Administrator. Miss Lisa Skipper has moved onto a new role and we wish her all the very best for the future.



Poppies & Remembrance



We came together as a whole school this morning for our Remembrance Service to honour and respect those who have fought for our British Value of Liberty and our APPS value of Peace. We gave thanks for living in a country without war and demonstrated our APPS value of Compassion for those people around the world who are currently living through tremendously difficult times of conflict. Thank you to our head pupils who have sold poppies on the gates this week and recited In Flanders Field during the assembly. Thank you also to KS1 pupils who sang and signed Vera Lynn's 'We'll meet again' and to those

pupils who wore their special uniforms with pride.



Year 6 Bikeability



Year 6 have been busy with their Bikeability Level 2 training this week. This course teaches cycling on roads with moderate traffic.

Life 360

We are aware that some parents like to check that their child has arrived at school. This is particularly relevant to children when they reach Year 6, and they are coming to school independently and have phones. Some children have been asked by their parents to text when they get to school, but they occasionally forget.

There is a tracking app called Life360 where parents can track their children. It tracks the child (for free) and you can have two locations saved, without upgrading, so that it can notify you when the child arrives and leaves that location e.g. home and school.

<https://www.life360.com/uk/>

PTA Fireworks Event

On Saturday, we had our first ever sold out fireworks event! It was an amazing evening organised by the PTA with the help and support of many parent and teacher volunteers. We raised an incredible profit of £7,500! Thank you to everyone involved for your generosity and support. Ashford Park would like to send a huge thank you to the PTA for all the time and effort they have put into the firework display.

Writing competitions

There are some amazing writing competitions running at the moment. Please encourage your children to participate by following the links below:

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/all-ages/lest-we-forget>

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS2/ghost-stories-u12>

[The Spook Squad: Ghost Stories Creative Writing Competition \(For 5-11 Year-Olds\)](#)

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/admission/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>

Achievement

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Whole School Attendance 94.5%

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Badger Class with 100%.

Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Swift Class with 98.7%. Fantastic!



INSET Days 2023/24

2nd January 2024

19th February 2024

November

13th & 14th – Whole school flu vaccinations

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

15th – Year 6 SATs Information Evening 3.30 & 5.30pm in classrooms

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

17th – MUFTI Day for Children in Need, £1 donation would be appreciated

24th – MUFTI Day for PTA chocolate tombola

24th – PTA Christmas Fair 5.00-8.00pm, in the hall

28th - Year 6 Lincolnsfield trip

December

5th – 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

6th - 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

6th – 9.45am Reception Christmas Songs for parents of children in Dormouse and first half of Otter Class

7th – 9.45am Reception Christmas Songs for parents of children in Rabbit Class and second half of Otter Class

8th – Christmas dinner day and Christmas jumper day - £1 donation for Save the Children appreciated

11th – PTA Peter Pan in Pantomime trip

KS1 Nativity to parents at 9.45am:

13th – Badger & Deer parents

14th – Fox & Hedgehog parents

15th – Mole & Squirrel parents

14th – 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

15th – Children break up at 2.00pm

18th – 1st Jan – Christmas holidays

January

2nd - INSET Day

3rd - Children return to school

4th – Year 1 Chertsey Museum Toy Workshop

9th - New to EYFS Parent Tours 9.30 -10.30am

18th - Moorhen Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

25th - Heron Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

30th - Year 4 Stubbington 2024 (current Year 4 children) Information Evening 5.30pm in the hall

February

1st - Kingfisher Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

12th – 16th Half term

19th – INSET Day

20th - Children return to school

March

7th - Fox Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

7th & 8th – Year 4 Bikeability

14th - Mole Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

20th – 22nd – Year 4 Stubbington residential trip

21st - Badger Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

28th – Children break up at 2.00pm

29th – Good Friday

April

1st – Easter Monday

2nd – 12th April Easter holidays

15th – Children return to school

24th – Year 5 Junior / STEM workshop

25th - Deer Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

May

1st – PTA Happy Circus

2nd – Year 3 History off the page in school TBC

2nd - Hedgehog Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

6th – Bank holiday

9th - Squirrel Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

16th - Robin Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

23rd - Woodpecker Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

24th – Last day of half term, children finish at normal time 3.15pm

27th – 31st Half term

June

3rd - Children return to school

3rd-14th – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks

3rd-7th – Year 6 trip to Hooke Court