

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



### Healthy snacks

Just a polite reminder that children can bring in a piece of fruit for a healthy snack – please do not provide other items.



### Religious festivals and observations

At APPS, we pride ourselves on our diversity and unity. Therefore, to ensure we celebrate as many religious festivals and observations as we can at APPS throughout the year, we would like to extend an invitation to our school community, inviting you to support us to do this. If you are someone or know of someone who would like to visit classes or speak during our assembly time, sharing your expertise in a religion or particular religious festival, we would love to hear from you. Your support will be incredibly valuable and will provide our children with real world experiences and knowledge.

Please email Mrs Hall via the office for more information on [info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk)

### Year 4 Mr Egypt workshop



Last Thursday, Mr Egypt led a workshop for Year 4. It was an extremely exciting day where the children (and adults) learned so much about the Ancient Egyptians.



The children especially enjoyed learning about and holding the artefacts, some of which were over 5,000 years old!



Some of the artefacts Mr Egypt had discovered himself, in his role as a leading Egyptologist, and had to have special permission from the High Counsel of Egypt to bring

to England and Ashford Park.



### 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.

### Anti-bullying



Well done to those children who remembered to wear odd socks last Monday to raise awareness of anti-bullying. Various activities were undertaken throughout the week.

### Making payments on Scopay

When making a payment on Scopay, please ensure that you select the correct

option e.g. dinner money must be paid into the 'Dinner Money' option.

The general pre-payment account has been renamed 'Savings.' This is to save for future trips, school run clubs and residential trips. Please do not pay dinner money into the 'Savings' account. If you would like to use this money to pay for one of the above, please contact the school office.

### Christmas Fair

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

### 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](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply)

### A message from the Spelthorne Schools Prayer Group

We trust that your child/children will settle well into their new classes, embrace new experiences, enjoy their learning and make some good friends.

For those of you who are new to the school, we are a friendly group of Christians from a wide range of churches who meet to pray for 25 local nurseries, playgroups and schools. Now in our 31<sup>st</sup> year, we thank God for all the amazing answers to prayer we have witnessed over that time. As a prayer group we truly believe that now, more than at any other time, all children, young people, families, teachers and all involved in education need our prayers, and it is our joy and privilege to do just that.

We meet monthly on Friday mornings, 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

### Forthcoming Dates

December 8th

January 12th

If this is something you sense God is calling you to be a part of, we'd love to hear from you – likewise if you wish to share items for prayer, please contact: e-mail: [info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org](mailto:info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org).

Instagram:

[spelthorne.schools.prayer](https://www.instagram.com/spelthorne.schools.prayer)

# Achievement

## MAC – Making Attendance Count Whole School Attendance 94.2%

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

Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Heron Class with 98.1%. Fantastic!

## Pobble

Congratulations to the following published authors: Charlotte D, Tilly D, Anish S, Milan P and Aoife W.



## INSET Days 2023/24

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## November

**22<sup>nd</sup>** – PTA AGM 6.00pm in the hall

**24<sup>th</sup>** – Year 1 Drama workshop 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

**27<sup>th</sup>** – Year 2 Great Fire of London Theatre Production

**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