

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter
8th February 2018
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



Safeguarding Hotspot

Please can we ask all parents and carers to reinforce road safety and being aware of traffic when crossing the roads with their children. The roads around the school are getting busier and we need to keep all children safe.

Thank you for your support.

Parking around school premises

We have had reports of cars blocking driveways. Please park considerately and do not park across resident's driveways.

Storage at school

Please could children just bring in book bags, PE bags and lunchboxes to school as we don't have the space to store bulky rucksacks and handbags. Children should use their bookbags, unless they ride a bike. We are experiencing problems as some children cannot fit everything into their lockers and items are spilling out onto the floor, causing obstructions and trip hazards.

Thank you for your support.

Lucy donated her hair!

Well done to Lucy R who donated **11 inches** of her hair! This was donated to children who have cancer

and have suffered from hair loss, Lucy's hair will be used to make wigs for the children.

Well done Lucy, that was a truly amazing thing to do!



Indoor Athletics



Last Wednesday, some pupils from Year 5 & 6 competed at an Athletics Competition at Spelthorne Leisure Centre. Overall,

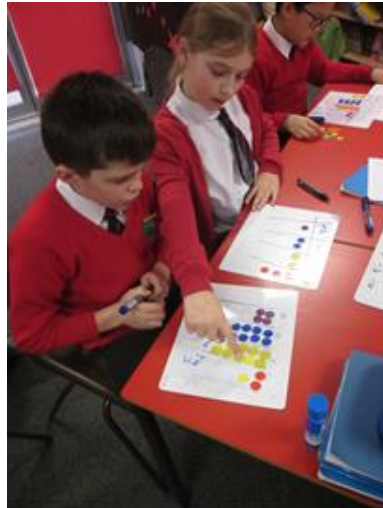
there were 10 teams and after competing in many events we came 9th. The parents watched from the viewing area which overlooked the large hall we competed in. There were many events including soft javelin, obstacle relay, 6 lap parlaaf, 2 x 2 lap relay, long jump, vertical jump, triple jump, and speed bounds. We are hugely grateful to the parents who drove us to the competition, without them we couldn't participate. Before competing we were all slightly nervous but we were all confident we would do well. During one of the races a competitor injured their knee. Unfortunately, she was too hurt to participate in any more races, so someone else had to fill her space. Despite this, all of the races went well. We loved taking part in this event and would be overjoyed to participate in the competition again.
By Olivia R & Archie C
Year 6.

Year 5 Celebration of learning

Thank you Swift class for enthusiastically celebrating with us and sharing your new learning that you have experienced throughout the first half of this academic year. We particularly enjoyed your dancing, which was truly 'infectious!' Fabulous.

Maths Lesson Year 5

We were dividing 4 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. We were representing numbers using counters and recording on our whiteboards. We solved each calculation using different methods. The lesson was really fun.



Data Collection Sheets

If you haven't already done so, please check the details we hold on the Data Collection Sheet and return to the office. Please remember to sign the reverse of the form too.

Thank you for your support.

Please excuse 'our' appearance

APPS is once again undergoing extensive premises development and we would like to apologise for the general appearance of our school over the coming months.

Surrey are investing heavily in Ashford Park, and we are about to receive a completely new roof, over the year 5 and 6 classrooms, the hall and the office buildings, plus new windows in these same buildings. Thank you for your patience during these times, especially with the scaffolding that is now surrounding 'us'.

INSET DAY

Staff will be receiving training in partnership with the Spelthorne Schools Together Confederation on 'Enough Abuse – Identifying

grooming, those at risk and the behaviours presented', 'Early Phonics', 'Ideas to help children learn, remember and derive number facts', 'Introduction to intensive interaction', 'Understanding challenging behaviour', 'Identifying, understanding and supporting pupils with Dyslexia/Dyslexic traits so that barriers to learning are reduced', 'A Practical 3-step approach to being more solution-focused', and First Aid Fast 3.



In January the children of Ashford Park Primary School have earned 301 badges for coming to school in a healthy way. The successful children have been given their badges in class and have been able to see how well they did on their classes Travel Tracker. These are the Top 5 and we now have a Trophy to award the top class.

- 1st Mole
- 2nd Badger and Skylark
- 3rd Hedgehog, Heron, Kingfisher and Osprey
- 4th Woodpecker
- 5th Owl and Kestrel



The children need to arrive in school once a week in a healthy way and log this information in class to earn themselves a badge. Come on children we can beat that during February and earn a new badge!



February

8th – Children break up for half term at 3.15pm

9th - INSET Day

12th – 16th Half Term

21st – Fox Class Assembly for parents at 2.30pm

23rd – Year 6 Assembly for parents at 2.30pm

28th - Mole Class Assembly for parents at 2.30pm

March

2nd – Skylark Class Assembly for parents at 2.30pm

7th – Squirrel Class Assembly for parents at 2.30pm

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

9th – Heron Class Assembly for parents at 2.30pm

14th – Deer Class Assembly for parents at 2.30pm

15th - Kingfisher Class Assembly for parents at 2.30pm

16th – French Day

21st – Hedgehog Class Assembly for parents at 2.30pm

23rd - Secret Garden Production for children

23rd – PTA Film Night at 5.00pm TBC

29th – Break up for Easter at 2.00pm

April

16th – Children return to school

19th – Bikeability Year 4, details to follow

20th – Bikeability Year 5, details to follow

27th – PTA Toy & Uniform Sale at 2.00pm in the hall

May

4th – MUFTI Day to raise money for British Enterprise / School Funds, children to wear red, white and blue if possible

7th – Bank Holiday

9th – Pedals training Year 2, details to follow

14th – 18th Year 6 SATs week

28th – 1st June Half term

June

4th – 8th Year 5 & 6 Ultimate Adventure Residential trip