

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
*Inspiring a love for lifelong learning*



**Safeguarding hotspot**

As it is the time of year when bugs and viruses are on the increase, please find attached link to the NHS website giving guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

**Does your child have a medical condition or require medication in school?**



**ACTION REQUIRED**

There was an email sent out before Christmas requesting that parents / carers update us via a link of their child's medical conditions.

If you have not already done so, please could you update the link so that any medical conditions can be updated on our Medical Tracker system to ensure that we hold all the most relevant and up to date information about your child.

[Medical Conditions and Medication Review Form Parents/Carers to complete](#)

If you have any questions, please email [info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk)

**Year 5 Milestones Museum Trip**



Year 5 had a wonderful day out at the Milestones Museum, where the children learnt all about what life would have been like for Victorian children.



They were taught by a very strict teacher (who was acting in the role of a school mistress) and the children discovered that boys and girls were taught separately in the past.

They used slates to record their ideas and worked out calculations on an abacus, just as if they would have done in Victorian times. We discovered how the

Industrial Revolution changed the way products were made and how the jobs people had altered as a result of all the new machinery that was invented.



We also found out about how transport changed during this time and the positive impact these changes had on everyday life. Year 5 can't wait to build upon their knowledge further in our future lessons in school.

**Cookery Club Year 1**



The children were so excited to make muffin pizzas.



They learned how to make their sauce, cut, chop and grate their ingredients, before assembling and baking them in the oven. They reported that they tasted yummy!



The children had lots of fun and followed the rules to keep themselves safe.

### Is your child starting school in September 2024?

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 they will be due to start school in September 2024.

**The annual closing date for applications is 15 January 2024.**  
<https://www.surreycc.gov>

[uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply](https://www.asford-park.surrey.sch.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply)

### Website information

Please visit our website for information about what your child is learning and how to support them. The website is kept up-to-date with news and calendar dates for your reference: <https://www.asford-park.surrey.sch.uk/>

### PTA AGM

The PTA are holding their AGM on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at 6.00pm in the hall. All parents / carers are welcome to attend.

### World Thinking Day

World Thinking Day is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, uniformed groups are invited to wear their uniforms to school.



### Word of the week / Palabra de la semana

This week's Spanish word of the week is **cuándo**

Translation: when  
 Etymology: from the old-galician-Portuguese quando

¿Cuándo es tu

cumpleaños?: When is your birthday?

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL'S PRAYER GROUP

A very Happy New Year to you all.

We hope that you and your families had a great time celebrating Christmas, and that this New Year is a peaceful, hopeful and fulfilling one.

We have our first meeting of the New Year this **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January** and will be praying for you, your children and their teachers, and all those connected with the school.

If you would like more information about the group - and maybe wish to share something for prayer or something you simply want to give thanks for - we'd love to hear from you.

Please be assured that anything shared is treated in the strictest confidence. All good wishes & God's blessings,

Val Edwards,  
[info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org](mailto:info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org)

Future meeting dates are:

Feb	9 <sup>th</sup>
March	15 <sup>th</sup>
April	19 <sup>th</sup>
May	17 <sup>th</sup>
June	14 <sup>th</sup>
July	12 <sup>th</sup>

# Achievement

## Star writers

Aiden G, Emilia A,  
Kanushya R and Jamie-  
Leigh R.

**MAC Making  
Attendance Count  
Whole School  
Attendance 91.7%**

## PLEASE NOTE:

Whilst many children have strong attendance. Our whole school attendance has dropped, mainly due to many families taking extended leave during term time.

It is essential that each individual child's attendance remains above 90% and we expect that whole school attendance to be at least 95%.

Illness often can't be helped and we want children to recover well, so they return to school promptly.

Please help the whole school by ensuring your child's attendance is the best it can be.

Congratulations to the KS1 winner last week being Dormouse Class with 96.4%.

Congratulations to the KS2 winner being Skylark Class with 97.8%. Fantastic!



## INSET Days 2023/24 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### January

**16<sup>th</sup>** – Reception Little Red Riding Hood Theatre Production

**18<sup>th</sup>** - Moorhen Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

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

**25<sup>th</sup>** - Heron Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

**30<sup>th</sup>** - Year 4 Stubbington 2024 (current Year 4 children) Information Evening 5.30pm in the hall

### February

**1<sup>st</sup>** - Kingfisher Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

**5<sup>th</sup>** – Year 1 London Zoo trip

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

**19<sup>th</sup>** – INSET Day

**20<sup>th</sup>** - Children return to school

**22<sup>nd</sup>** – World Thinking Day, uniformed groups are invited to wear their uniforms to school

### March

**7<sup>th</sup>** - Fox Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Bikeability

**14<sup>th</sup>** - Mole Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

**20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Year 4 Stubbington residential trip

**21<sup>st</sup>** - Badger Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

**28<sup>th</sup>** – Children break up at 2.00pm

**29<sup>th</sup>** – Good Friday

### April

**1<sup>st</sup> – Easter Monday**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April** Easter holidays

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

**24<sup>th</sup>** – Year 5 Junior / STEM workshop

**25<sup>th</sup>** - Deer Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

### May

**1<sup>st</sup>** – PTA Happy Circus

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Year 3 History off the page in school TBC

**2<sup>nd</sup>** - Hedgehog Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

**6<sup>th</sup>** – Bank holiday

**9<sup>th</sup>** - Squirrel Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

**16<sup>th</sup>** - Robin Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.