

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter
9th February 2024
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



We hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing the children return refreshed and ready to learn on Tuesday 20th February.

**Inset Day 19th
February**

Just a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 19th February due to INSET DAY.

OFSTED

Thank you to the APPS community for all your positive comments and support, particularly this week when we received the phone call from OFSTED.

A team of four joined us on day 1, reducing to three on day 2, as part of our graded inspection.

Your parent views were incredibly important and helped to showcase all aspects of Ashford Park Primary School.

The inspection team were very thorough and were impressed by our APPS team and wonderful children.

The inspection process is not complete until we receive the final report. We look forward to receiving the draft report within the first few weeks after half term. Once in

receipt of the final report, we look forward to sharing it with you all. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

**Year 3 Science
learning**



Year 3 had great fun in Science last week, investigating how temperature affects water transportation in plants.

We were able to do this thanks to the generosity of 'Flowers by Georgina' in Ashford, who very kindly donated some beautiful white flowers.

Flowers by Georgina link:
<https://www.flowersbygeorgina.co.uk/>

Year 3 placed the flowers in water that we had dyed with red food colouring. We observed the flowers in 3 different locations around the school (hot, cold and room temperature) and watched closely as the

flowers took on a pinkish tinge.



It was really exciting and we all made some fantastic scientific observations! Thank you, Georgina!

**Vacancies at Ashford
Park**

We currently have vacancies for Learning Support Assistants and Lunchtime Supervisors. For more information please see our website:
Link:

[APPS Vacancies](#)

**Surrey family support
courses**

The Surrey February Community Connector newsletter is out now. In this month's newsletter they have included sections on financial, parenting and emotional support along with sleep tips for children and a spotlight on some useful local services:

www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families/support-and-advice/community-connector

Hengrove Park car park

We have been advised that there was damage to a car parked in Hengrove Park on Thursday 8th February. If anyone saw anything, we can pass details onto the person concerned.

Achievement

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Whole School Attendance 94.8%

Congratulations to the KS1 winner last week being Badger Class with 99.3%.

Congratulations to the KS2 winner being Class with 98.1%. Fantastic!



INSET Days 2023/24

19th February 2024

February

12th – 16th Half term

19th – INSET Day

20th - Children return to school

20th – Year 6 Spelthorne Borough Council trip, am only

22nd – World Thinking Day, uniformed groups are invited to wear their uniforms to school

March

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

7th – World Book Day

8th – EYFS Share our Learning, Station Crescent gate open to parents at 2.45pm

5th & 8th – Year 4 Bikeability

12th – Alice in Wonderland production, M & M Productions

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

19th – 22nd – Book Fair in hall after school

20th – Acorn Celebration morning

20th – Year 6 SATs Evening in classrooms

20th – 22nd – Year 4 Stubbington residential trip

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

22nd – EYFS Martial Arts workshop in hall

27th – KS2 Choir Spring Celebrations

28th – Children break up at 2.00pm

29th – Good Friday

April

1st – Easter Monday

2nd – 12th April Easter holidays

15th – Children return to school

18th – Choir invited to attend Surrey Primary Music Festival in the evening

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.

17th – Year 1 trip to Milestones

17th – Year 6 trip to Thorpe Park

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

13th - Owl Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

20th - Swift Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.

24th – 28th – Year 6 Bikeability am

27th - Skylark Class assembly at 2.40pm, front gate to open at 2.30pm.