



Safeguarding Hotspot

Please be advised that over the coming weeks, the children will be receiving training on how to use the outdoor gym equipment to gain maximum fitness whilst considering safety and at the same time having FUN!

We greatly appreciate your partnership and THANK YOU for keeping your children OFF of this equipment at the end of the school day.

District Sports Trials

We would like to say a huge thank you to Coach Brown for coming to Ashford Park for skills development and assessing children for the District Sports Trials.

Coach Brown has fed back that he is very impressed with the children in their attitude, talent and for showing the Schools Games Values. Thank you Coach Brown for the positive feedback.

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners this week being Dormouse Class with 98.6% and Top Dog winners being Kingfisher class with 97.8%. Fab-u-lous!

Well done to Chloe D!
Over last half term Chloe

raised money for charity (Whizz Kidz) by having her hair cut and she also donated the cut hair to The Little Princess Trust. She had a whopping 17 inches cut off! She was aiming for £100 but managed to surpass that with a grand total of £350. Well done Chloe! We are incredibly proud of you and the amount you raised.



MCD Cheerleading stars

We send our congratulations to Jess and Amy, for winning these superb medals and a trophy for coming second at a 'Spring

Showdown' cheerleading competition. Superb news!



Theatre production

Thank you to our fabulous PTA for funding yet another superb theatre experience for our children, who thoroughly enjoyed 'The Secret Garden'.

French Day

Thank you Mrs Tribe, for organising and running our French day at APPS. We love learning about language and cultures from around the world though our Imaginative Learning Projects, and our French experiences were especially memorable.

TT Rockstars

At Ashford Park, we are trying incredibly hard to improve our times tables to help us with this essential life skill. To help us on this times table journey, the children now

have access to the incredible 'Times Table Rock Stars' programme. PLEASE find the link to this brilliant learning tool under the 'Learning' section of our website:

<https://www.ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Learning+and+assessment+at+Ashford+Park&pid=50>

School Uniform

It seems very strange to write about summer uniform after the bitterly cold weather and snow that we have recently experienced, BUT your children are welcome to wear their summer uniforms on our return to school for the summer term. Please see our school website under 'About Us' for our summer uniform expectations – thank you.

<https://www.ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=24>

Swimming in year 4

We are pleased to advise our year 4 parents and carers, that swimming lessons will be commencing in the summer term. Having so many reservoirs and rivers in our immediate area it is essential that our children understand water safety and the statutory National Curriculum 2013 states that pupils should be taught to:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

Parent/carer consultations

We send our thanks to our governing body for providing the teas and coffees at this term's parent/carer consultations and thank our community for completing the latest Parent View. We were very grateful for the significant majority of positive comments received and will of course endeavour to address any appropriate development points over time, within our school improvement plan.

School choir and community partnership

Once again our APPS choir were highly praised for their positive attitudes and learning behaviour whilst representing our school at the annual Spelthorne Schools Together Music Festival. You sang like angels and Kyla G, even performed a solo! We send our thanks to Mrs Miller and Aimee Miller, who run the choir, our talented children and

supporting parents and carers.

Year 2 Learning opportunities at Painshill Park

'I just wanted to say a massive thank you to you all for organising the year 2 trip to Painshill Park. My child had very much been looking forward to it and came back having had a lovely day, she especially enjoyed the bug hunt.'
A happy Year 2 parent

Football Matches

On the 23rd February the Football team went to Buckland Primary School for a match. It wasn't easy, but we ended up with a draw, the score was 1-1. It was a great match and we all had an amazing time and are looking forward to our next match. Our second match was on 9th March, we played Spelthorne. Once again, it was a tough match, but we managed to pull off a win with a score of 5-3. The next match was against Town Farm on the 23rd March, the score was a draw 2-2, and it was a great match as well. Our final match was on 27th March against Stanwell Fields and the score was 3-3. We had fun playing all matches.

By Daniel H, Ayden & Dennis.

Dare to Believe Festival

On 12th March Ashford Park Primary School went to the Dare to Believe Festival on the mini bus, some year 5 and 6 children took part. There were 14 of us and we had to go to Guildford Leisure Centre, we arrived at about 11.30am. We had lunch and we were watching people on the ice rink. Afterwards we went to the activity room, the people there were very kind and welcoming, we were the Canada team. We met a winter Olympian and then got started on the first activity which was biathlon. We split into 2 teams – blue and red and did some curling, we had to push the stones in the bullseye and did some hockey. We had to go in and out of the cones and then shoot and afterwards we did some bowling. We had to balance on the hover board. A girl called Lois from our school won a trophy for encouraging her team mates. When it was time to go we were given a sweat band and a water bottle. We then got on the mini bus and arrived back at school. By Alfie, Huey, Daisy and Daniel.

Easter holiday

Have a wonderful Easter holiday and please be reminded that KOOSA KIDS will be running an Easter Holiday Club at APPS over this period if you require childcare.

<https://www.koosakids.co.uk/holidayclubs.aspx>

Enjoy the bank holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school from 8.40a.m on Monday 16th April 2018.



March

29th – Break up for Easter at 2.00pm

April

16th – Children return to school

16th – Year 1 Dinosaur Workshop

17th – Year 6 SATs Parent Information Evening in Kestrel Class at 3.30pm & 5.00pm

17th – Year 2 SATs Parent Information Evening in Hedgehog Class at 3.30pm & 5.00pm

18th – Kingfisher start swimming

19th – Bikeability Year 4

20th – Bikeability Year 5

25th & 26th – Reception Health Assessments

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

May

1st – Class photos

4th – MUFTI Day to raise money for British

Enterprise / School Funds, children to wear red, white and blue if possible

4th – Pedals Training for Year 2

7th – Bank Holiday

9th – PTA Pamper Evening 6.00pm - 9.00pm

14th – 18th Year 6 SATs week

22nd – Happy Shoesday – wear 'Happy' Shoes to school with £1 donation

25th – Break up for half term at 3.15pm

28th – 1st June – Half term

June

4th – 8th – Year 5/6 Ultimate Adventure Trip

6th – Year 3 trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum

9th – PTA Happy Circus

11th – Phonics screening week

14th – EYFS visit to Kew Gardens

18th – 20th – Year 1 trip to the mosque

25th – 29th am – Bikeability Year 6 details to follow

26th – Internet and Child Safety Information Session for parents and children in years 4, 5 & 6 in the hall 3.30 – 5.00pm

July

5th – Sports Day

10th – EYFS Induction Meeting for new Parents in the hall 6.00pm

12th – Back up Sports Day