



Safeguarding Hotspot

The sun made a brief appearance last week, reminding us of the need for the children to apply sunscreen before the start of the school day. Please also ensure that your child/ren has a named sunhat that is readily available throughout the school day.

We have also installed new water fountains around the school, where the children can quickly re-fill their water bottles as and when required.

Bikeability

Children in year 4 and year 5 had the opportunity to learn with Bikeability last week. It's reassuring to know that the children are now confident with how to stay safe on our busy roads.

WhatsApp

PLEASE be advised that WhatsApp will over the coming months be raising their age restriction from 13 to 16 years of age.

Loving reading

To encourage a love for lifelong reading, please have a look at this FANTASTIC website, 'The BookTrust's bookfinder:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/bookfinder/>

Super smart summer uniforms

Thank you for supporting our school uniform expectations, with the children returning to school looking immaculate, with this skill for lifelong learning firmly established.

Inspiring a love for lifelong learning

We are always DELIGHTED, when visited by our former children, especially when they continue to be inspired by the learning opportunities that they received whilst at APPS!

This week we welcomed back Charlotte, Owen and Jack, who are currently in year 10 at Thomas Knyvett College. These young adults have had the opportunity to take part in the teaching whilst supporting the learning of our children throughout the school.



St George's Day

Thank you for supporting the children and enabling them to wear their Rainbow, Brownie, Guide, Beaver, Cub and Scout uniforms to commemorate St George's Day. The children were a credit to you.

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Congratulations to the joint Top Ted winners last week being Mole class and Hedgehog class with 100%.

Congratulations to the Top Dog winners being Kestrel class with 99.3%. Fantastic!

Learning with Marc Rowland



We were delighted to work with and learn from the author Marc Rowland last week, who came to APPS to reflect upon our provision for all learners at our school. Marc has written two well received academic books:

'Learning Without Labels' (2017) and *'The Practical*

Guide to the Pupil Premium' (2015).

Lunchboxes

Please can we ask that all lunch boxes are kept clean, as it is the season for ants to appear!

Thank you for your support.

Try a School Lunch Day

On Thursday 17th May we are holding a 'Try a School Lunch Day' for the KS1 children – this will coincide with the Royal Wedding Lunch.



The menu for the **whole school** on this day will be:

Organic British beef burger in a bun

or

Quorn sausage and tomato roll

served with potato smiles, crushed peas and rainbow slaw

followed by shortbread crown & chocolate brownie bite

Your child is entitled to a Free School Meal if they are in Reception, Year 1 or 2.

On 17th May **ALL** children from these year groups will be able to try a school lunch, freshly prepared in our on-site kitchen. If your child usually brings a packed lunch they may still do so, but will also have the opportunity to

sample our delicious school lunches.

Please remember to complete the permission slip on the Royal Wedding Lunch letter and return to the office.



Certificates

Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week:

Olivia R, Alexander M, Bethany W, Jacob B, Reece B, Maisie H, Shona T and Khaliq B.



April

27th – PTA Toy & Uniform Sale at 2.00pm in the hall (parents / Carers from 3.15pm)

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 – Skylark Class Assembly to Parents 2.30pm

4th – Pedals Training for Year 2

7th – Bank Holiday

9th – PTA Pamper Evening 6.00pm - 9.00pm

11th – Year 4 Assembly to Parents at 2.30pm

14th – 18th Year 6 SATs week

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

25th – Owl Class Assembly to Parents at 2.30pm

25th – Break up for half term at 3.15pm

June

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

6th – Squirrel Class Assembly to Parents at 2.30pm

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

8th – Year 3 Class Assembly to Parents at 2.30pm

9th & 10th – PTA Happy Circus at 2.00pm, doors open at 12.30pm

11th – Phonics screening week

13th – Deer Class Assembly to Parents at 2.30pm

14th – EYFS visit to Kew Gardens

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

20th – Hedgehog Class Assembly to Parents at 2.30pm