

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter



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Autumn Term 1 - 6th September 2024

LOOKING AHEAD AT APPS

We are excited to welcome both new and returning families back to Ashford Park this week. The children in Y1 to Y6 have settled back in well and the Reception Team have had really positive meet the teacher meetings throughout the week.

Our dedicated and knowledgeable staff team will ensure we support you to ensure your child/children have the best possible year at Ashford Park Primary School (APPS).

We truly believe that a relentless focus on building and maintaining 'Positive Relationships' sits at the heart of everything we do. The ability to communicate kindness, learn about each and every person as an individual, combining assertiveness with warmth, whilst also establishing clear roles and boundaries.

Ashford Park has developed a bespoke approach to teaching and learning based upon our core 'WalkThru' strategies. Last year we benefitted from a bespoke implementation project with Tom Sherrington (author of WalkThrus) and his colleague Catherine Lester to further develop and refine the high quality of teaching and learning we have at APPS.

The teaching team has been busy planning exciting and engaging learning opportunities, that make everyone think. We have also been refining the core knowledge being taught in history and geography across the school.



NEW Behaviour Policy at APPS

This term will see the development of our behaviour policy with all stakeholders.

Ashford Park is committed to creating an environment where exemplary behaviour is at the heart of productive learning. Everyone is expected to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct, to accept responsibility for their behaviour and encourage others to do the same.

We will teach self-discipline and not blind compliance. It will echo our core values with a heavy emphasis on respectful behaviour, a partnership approach to managing poor conduct and dynamic interventions that support staff and learners.

We want the whole school community to be: **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. We look forward to working in partnership with all our families to develop this further.

Mr Boulton - Head Teacher

At
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Primary
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we are:



Ready

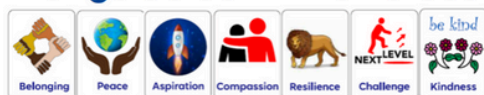


Respectful



Safe

Alongside our APPS values:

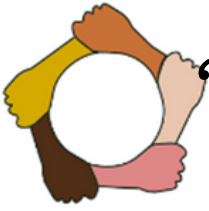


to ensure everyone can

Achieve Potential Producing Success

Safeguarding Hotspot

During INSET, all staff received their statutory annual safeguarding training, on the updates from 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', September 2024. We all have a collective responsibility to child protection and safeguarding each and every child. Please get in touch with our safeguarding team if you need support or need to report: DSL@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk



'Belonging' is our core value this half term:

a sense of fitting in or feeling like you are an important member of a group

Building on our value of belonging is an invite for parents and carers to join the next

PTA Committee Meeting on THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER @ 5pm

This is open to everyone. It's an opportunity to discuss plans for this school year and your support will help us to plan a wide variety of exciting events that benefit the whole school community.

For those that can attend in person, we will hold the meeting in the school hall.

For those that would like to attend online, you can join us using the Google Meet app - the details have been sent out within the email from Arbor.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to email us on appspta@gmail.com

Updating details – Arbor App

Have you moved address or changed your telephone number over the holidays? If so, please remember to update your details using the Arbor App. For parents / carers unable to use this, there is a Parental Details Update Form available on our website. This can be found under Parents and Carers / Forms / Parental Details Update Form.



Site Staff

An opportunity has arisen for a talented handyman to join our friendly, hardworking site team. The role will be in the afternoon for 15 hours each week, 3 hours per day. Initially the contract will be on a fixed term basis for 1 year, with the possibility of a permanent position for the right person. Please forward expressions of interest to Amanda Woods at recruitment@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk





EAR PIERCINGS



Please note the school's expectations for children who have their ears pierced:

Unless there is a medical reason for a child not to, all children are expected to participate in every PE lesson as it is a statutory subject in The National Curriculum.

Children should only wear small, plain studs to school.

If your child is able to remove and replace their own earrings, please provide them with a container to keep them in during PE lessons.

If your child is unable to remove and replace their own earrings, please remove them before they come to school on days that they have PE lessons.

Staff will not remove or replace children's earrings and will not put plasters over them.

As there is a slightly increased risk of injury when a child is wearing earrings, please communicate to the class teacher if it is still within the six-week post-piercing period whether you are happy for your child to participate in PE. With your permission, your child can participate until you / they are able to remove their earrings on PE days.

Ideally, if you would like to have your child's ears pierced, the best time to do this is at the beginning of the six week summer holiday so that they have time to heal before returning to school.

CLUBS

Thank you for bearing with us..... we apologise if your child hasn't acquired a place in their chosen club, it has been a learning curve for us with our new system. Please note that you need to pay in order to reserve a place.

A message from Spelthorne Schools' Prayer Group

Welcome back everyone and a very warm welcome to those who are new to Ashford Park Primary School. We trust you all enjoyed the summer break and are looking forward to this new term.

For those of you who are new to Ashford Park, we have been in existence for the past 33 years and over the last few years it has been our joy and privilege to have been praying for your school. We meet monthly on a Friday morning to pray for your children, their families, teachers and all school-related situations.

Our meetings this half-term are:

13th September

4th October

If you would like to know more about us, share something for prayer, and maybe join us sometime, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact Val Edwards: info@spelthorneschoolsprayergroup.org



**OTHER
KEY DATES!**

September

INSET Days 2024/25
14th February 2025
21st & 22nd July 2025

- 10th** – New to EYFS summer born children start, with lunch - leave at 1.00pm
- 11th** – New to EYFS Spring born children start, with lunch - leave at 1.00pm
- 12th** – New to EYFS autumn born children start, with lunch - leave at 1.00pm
- 14th** – PTA Car Boot Sale 12.00- 3.00pm
- 19th** – PTA Committee Meeting at 5.00pm, in the hall
- 20th** -Year 6 Junior Citizen Trip
- 25th** – EYFS and Y1 Phonics and Early Reading workshop for parents 3.30 pm – 4.15 pm
- 26th** – PTA Lion King Theatre trip
- 27th** – McMillan Coffee Morning, whole school in the hall. Cake donations appreciated on the 26th.
- 30th** – Year 3 Circus Skills Workshop

October

- 2nd** – Year 6 Hooke Court trip meeting in the hall at 5.00pm
- 3rd & 4th** Whole school Nasal Flu vaccinations
- 8th** – New to EYFS Parent Tours 9.30-10.30am
- 11th** - Year 1 trip to Brooklands Museum
- 18th** - Y1 and Y2 Sharing our Learning at 2.45pm -parents enter via Queen’s Walk into classrooms
- 22nd & 23rd** – Parent Consultations in classrooms
- 24th** – Individual photographs, no PE today
- 25th** – Last day of half term, children finish at normal time 3.15pm
- 28th** – 1st Nov Half term

97% of our school community are now signed up to Arbor - thank you.

If you haven't already accessed Arbor this year, please sign up ASAP:

<https://login.arbor.sc/>

