



RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM



Rabbit Class	Dormouse Class	Otter Class
Miss Roberts	Miss Hoad	Miss Buenafe
LSAs: Mrs Fullarton, Mrs Jayawardane, Miss Paxton, Miss Richardson, Ms Nicoll, Mrs Cherian, Mrs Ihraiz, Miss Jalo, Mrs Pannu		

Welcome to Reception!

We are delighted to welcome you and your children to our Ashford Park family!

Reception marks the start of your child's journey at Ashford Park Primary School. As such, we set high expectations for both behaviour and learning, laying the foundations for your child's future success throughout the school. We truly value your support in your child's education. By working together, we can help your child thrive and reach their full potential.

Home Learning

Home Learning - Home learning is set every half term. In this, we will suggest ways you can support your child across all areas of learning.

Vocabulary - At the start of each new book, we will send home vocabulary sheets. Please take time to go through these with your child, encouraging them to remember and use the new words.

Phonics - Phonics home learning is sent home every Friday and will reflect what has been covered in school that week.

Sharing Books – These will start to be sent out after the Reading Meeting. We will send home a sharing book on a Friday, which should be returned the following Thursday. This book is for you to read to your child, encouraging them to join in and talk about the story. Even as children learn to read themselves, they still love listening to stories read aloud and you provide a wonderful model of expression and fluency!

Reading Books - These will start to be sent out after the Reading Meeting. Your child will also be assigned a reading book online every Friday. This is a book for your child to read to you. In the early stages of phonics, these may be wordless books. Encourage your child to use the pictures to tell the story. As your child becomes more confident with phonics, they will move on to books matched to their phonics level. Please remember to record your child's reading in their reading record. Details of your ECollins login will be sent home when needed.

PE Days & PE Kits

Otter Class –Monday

Rabbit and Dormouse Class - Tuesday

The expectation is that your child comes into school in their PE kit on those days.

Please ensure that you remove your child's earrings on PE days and that you **clearly label all the kit with their name.**

An example of the expected PE kit can be found on the school Website.

Important Dates

3rd September	INSET Day
26th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning
2nd/3rd October	Whole School Nasal Vaccinations
16 th October	African Drumming Workshop
21 st October	Diwali Indian Dance Workshop
21st & 22nd October	Parent/Carer Consultations
23rd October	Mufti Day
23rd October	Last Day of Half Term
24th October	INSET Day
27th -31st October	Half Term
8th November	PTA Fireworks
11th November	Remembrance Day
13th November	Individual School Photos
14th November	Odd Socks Day: Anti-Bullying Week
5th December	Mufti Day
12th December	Christmas Dinner & Jumpers
19th December	Last Day of Term – Finish at 2pm

More information on key school events such as parent consultations will follow.

Communication



We will use Marvellous Me to share important information with you and to celebrate your child's achievements. Login details will be sent home once the children have started. It's essential that you sign up to the app and check it regularly to stay up to date.



Please make sure you are signed up to Arbor and include at least two contact phone numbers in case of illness or emergency.
Please use Arbor to order their school lunches.



Wow Moments! We love to hear about all the wonderful things your child achieves at home, whether it's sleeping in their own bed, trying broccoli for the first time, or learning to ride their bike. Please do share these special moments with us! You can email your child's class teacher via the school office at: info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk.

Reception Baseline





All children starting Reception will be participating in the reception baseline assessment (RBA) within the first six weeks of starting reception. Information about the RBA can be found through this link [Reception baseline assessment: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)

Class Texts

At APPS, we follow the Literary Curriculum from Literacy Tree, which places high quality literature at the heart of our English teaching.

Below are the texts that Reception will be studying this term. Talking about these books with your child as we read them in class will really help to support their understanding and enjoyment. All of the books are available from local libraries and bookshops.

For an overview of the texts studied in the spring and summer terms, please see the whole-school text overview on our website

Autumn 1 – Myself and Our World		Autumn 2 – Imaginary Worlds	
<p>The Magic Paintbrush By Julia Donaldson</p> 	<p>Anansi the Spider By Gerald McDermott</p> 	<p>The Night Pirates By Peter Harris & Deborah Allwright</p> 	<p>The Snowman By Raymond Briggs</p> 

For further information or queries, please check the school's website or Twitter accounts.

Website: www.ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk Twitter: @Ashford_Park

Should you have any queries, please contact the office on info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk

We are very much looking forward to working with you to give your child the best possible learning experience at APPS.

Reception Team

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