RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM

Rabbit Class	Dormouse Class	Otter Class
Miss Roberts	Miss Hoad	Miss Buenafe
LSAs: Mrs Fullarton, Mrs Jayawardane, Mrs Achchige, Mrs Cherian, Miss Jalo, Mrs Pannu, Miss Thornton, Mrs Jewel, Ms Davies and Mr Nayler		

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 – From Autumn 2, home learning will be set each half term, with suggested ways to support your child across all areas of learning.

Vocabulary – At the start of each new book, we will send home a vocabulary sheet. Please go through the words with your child and encourage them to remember and use them.

Phonics – Phonics home learning will be sent home every Friday and will reflect the learning covered in school that week.

Sharing Books – These will start after the Phonics Meeting. A sharing book will be sent home each Friday and 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, listening to stories helps model expression and fluency.

Reading Books – These will start after the Phonics Meeting. Your child will also be assigned an online reading book every Friday. This is for your child to read to you.

In the early stages of phonics, these may be wordless books. Please encourage your child to use the pictures to tell the story. As their phonics develops, they will move on to books matched to their phonics level.

Please record your child's reading in their reading record.

PE

We are looking forward to the children starting their weekly PE sessions with our PE coaches.

Reception PE will take place every Monday.

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on this day.

Please remember to remove earrings before school and **clearly label all PE kit with your child's name.**

Details of the school PE kit can be found on the school website.

Important Dates

1st September	INSET Day
23rd September	EYFS & Yr1 phonics workshop
25th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning
13th & 14th October	Parent/Carer Consultations
14th October	African Drumming Workshop
16th October	Mufti Day
16th October	Last Day of Half Term
19th -30th October	Half Term
6th November	Whole school flu vaccinations
7th November	PTA Fireworks
11th November	Remembrance Day
12th November	Individual School Photos
16th November	Odd Socks Day: Anti-Bullying Week
11th December	Christmas Dinner & Jumpers
17th December	Last Day of Term, 2pm finish
18th December	INSET Day

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

Communication

Please make sure you are signed up to Arbor and have provided at least two contact phone numbers in case of illness or an emergency.
Please also add the details of any adults who have permission to collect your child from school.

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 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents

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	
The Magic Paintbrush By Julia Donaldson 	Anansi the Spider By Gerald McDermott 	The Night Pirates By Peter Harris & Deborah Allwright 	The Snowman By Raymond Briggs 

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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