



**Wishing our community a happy summer holiday**

We wish the community of Ashford Park a restful and happy summer break – **ENJOY!**

Please be reminded that KOOSA Kids, will be running their very popular summer holiday club based at our school, if childcare is required over the summer break <https://www.koosakids.co.uk/newsarticledetails.aspx?article=520>

Miss Walmsley will be getting married over the summer and we wish her and her husband a fantastic day. Miss Walmsley will be returning as Mrs McNeill in Year 2 in Squirrel Class.

**SAFEGUARDING**

PLEASE be advised that with our growing school, the complexity of safeguarding the needs of our children is increasing, for example with a significant number of children with life - threatening allergies.

As a result we would like to inform our

community that sweets should no longer be bought in to celebrate your child's birthday. Instead, we would like to recommend, that a class book be purchased, to share with the class to mark this special day. Thank you for working in partnership with us, over such a sensitive safeguarding concern.

**Year 4 fantastic learning at the Science Museum**



On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July Year 4 visited the Science Museum as part of their imaginative learning project 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile'. We had lots of fun exploring the different zones.



In the Information Age we saw those who invented technology, from the first BBC radio broadcast in 1922 to the dawn of digital TV.

The children really enjoyed the flight zone as they were able to see the cockpit of an aeroplane. There were

even walkways where you could get close to planes that were suspended in the air!

The most exciting part of the day had to be watching the 'It Takes Guts' workshop. Carlos taught Year 4 all about teeth and the digestive system. We even got to see the inside of Amanda's digestive system, YUK! We watched live experiments and were lucky enough to participate in the 'Burp Factor'.

Year 4 had a wonderful day finding out lots of interesting things.

### **Calling all FUTURE Governors**

The APPS Governing body will be seeking in the near future, new members from our school and local community to join this dedicated professional body. If you have the professional skills and expertise to join this team and are truly committed to act as the school's critical friend, then please contact Jill Sanders, the Clerk to the Governing Body, c/o Ashford Park Primary School. Mrs Sanders will be able to discuss the governor selection

process and expectations to any interested parties. Thank you.

### **Exciting adventures for our departing children and colleagues**

Year 6, you have been truly fantastic and will be greatly missed. Your enterprise initiative through the Year 6 fete was great fun and your commitment to holding positions of responsibility throughout the school was truly commendable. Have fun at secondary school and PLEASE remember to call back to say 'Hello', as we always love to hear of your new adventures as you continue with the next stage of your learning journey.

We also wish our incredible staff who are moving on to exciting new teaching opportunities, promotion, retirement and new careers, every possible happiness and we send our **THANKS** to **YOU!** Each and every one of you will be hugely missed.

Bye bye and good luck to Mrs Di Errington, Mrs Julia Hammond, Mrs Yolanda Ready, Miss Rachel Wells, Mr Tom Burbage, Mrs Michelle

Brown, Miss Bernadette Howlett, Mrs Sue Johnston, Mrs Deon Husher and Miss Harley Dunsmore.

### **Thrive Award**

We are delighted to inform you that after a year's worth of intensive training we now have four licensed practitioners and are officially a Thrive School.

<https://www.thriveapproach.com/>



### **GOLD Sports Mark**

We were absolutely delighted to receive the **GOLD Sports Mark**, to demonstrate our commitment to sport at APPS. We send our thanks to Miss A'Bear, Mrs Bailey and a significant number of staff and parents who have provided the children with numerous opportunities to take part in competitive sporting events over the past two years, both in and out of school! Well done children, you are truly amazing.

## Roald Dahl week and dress up day

Want to inspire a love of reading? Does your child love getting stuck into a good book? Well look no further, as our school will be celebrating all things Roald Dahl in our first full week back (w/c 10th September). On Roald Dahl's birthday, Thursday the 13th of September, as part of our Dahlicious week, we will be asking the children to come into school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character. We hope you have fun over the summer reading lots of Roald Dahl books and planning your fantastic costumes ready for the start of the autumn term. Remember, there are also recommended reads for all year groups available on our website, if you would like some ideas for books to read over the summer holidays.

Happy reading from all at Ashford Park.

## Continuing with the sporting celebrations....

Congratulations to Sienna for being awarded the cheer leader of the term by MAW Cheer.

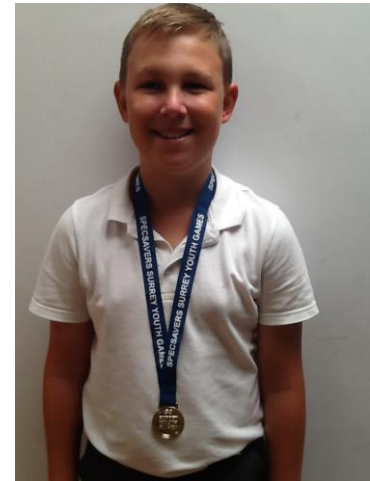


Shanjeet has been selected to play for the Surrey Under 9 Cricket Team. Shanjeet, we are incredibly proud of your achievement. Superstar!



Daniel represented Spelthorne, at squash, at the recent Surrey

Youth Games & ended up (along with his team) winning the gold medal! Daniel has always greatly enjoyed competitive sports and it is wonderful to share in his sporting successes. Congratulations.



## John Muir Award Share Day

Friday 13th was our John Muir Share Day. We started with an assembly to the whole school where we shared our experiences and demonstrated some of the activities that we have taken part in. We then travelled to Church Lamas to share our experiences with our families, friends, guests from Spelthorne Council, guests from Surrey Wildlife Trust, Mrs Tarrant and Mrs Allen. All of our visitors could have a go at the activities we had experienced. All of our

visitors said that they had a fantastic time!



### Acorn Maintenance Crew!

The Acorn Centre have been working together to keep our learning environment looking good and ensuring that it lasts well.

We send our thanks to William B, Callum C, Braydon T, Lowen T and Mrs Hammond. Fantastic teamwork!



### INSET Days 2018/19

The planned INSET Days so far are as follows:

#### 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September

2018 – safeguarding, assessment & curriculum tracking systems and GDPR

#### 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 –

Alex Quigley, author of 'Closing the Vocabulary Gap' (a whole school improvement priority)

#### 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 –

SST Confederation joint school INSET

#### July

20<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Summer at 2.00pm

23<sup>rd</sup> - INSET Day

### September

6<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school

6<sup>th</sup> – PTA Aladdin Theatre trip

11<sup>th</sup> – Swimming starts for Robin class

12<sup>th</sup> – Swimming starts for Swift class

12<sup>th</sup> – Bushcraft Parents Meeting 3.30pm & 5.30pm in the hall

13<sup>th</sup> – New EYFS Summer born children start school

13<sup>th</sup> – Roald Dahl dress up day

14<sup>th</sup> - New EYFS Spring born children start school

17<sup>th</sup> - New EYFS Autumn born children start school

20<sup>th</sup> – Parent Drop In / Meet New Teacher Evening, in year group classrooms, 3.30-4.30pm and 5.30-6.30pm

24<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Junior Citizen Event

26<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Parent Workshop (phonics, reading & writing) 3.30pm & 5.30pm

26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Bushcraft Trip

### October

11<sup>th</sup> – Flu vaccinations Reception – Year 4

19<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day

22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Half term

29<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school