



WELCOME BACK to APPS

It was **truly wonderful** to meet and greet the children as they bounded back in to school ready to start their learning journey for 2018-2019.

Your children looked SO smart in their school uniform and school shoes and were clearly very proud and happy to return to meet with their class teachers and support staff.

Please check our school website if you are unsure of our school uniform expectations, as we spoke about our VALUE of BELONGING for this half term in assembly, and how feeling proud in our uniform helps us to truly value being a member of APPS.

EYFS Home visits

Our EYFS home visits are taking place over the coming week and we REALLY look forward to meeting our new to APPS children over the coming weeks, as we work in partnership to '*Inspire a love for lifelong learning*'. We have received encouraging feedback about our home learning packs, as we work in partnership with our parent/carer community at the very

start of the learning journey – THANK YOU.

HUGO

We are desperately sad to inform you, that Hugo, our drake, found the heat of the summer too much and tragically died on the 26th July 2018. Hugo hatched in April 2017, along with his brother and sisters in our EYFS unit, and helped to develop the children's understanding and learning of animal lifecycles.

Hugo certainly brightened every day, with his wonderful behaviour, as he protected his sisters by patrolling around the perimeter fence.



Safeguarding Hotspots

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.

We have children joining us at APPS, who have **contact** allergies to milk and all milk products and we will be installing anti-bacterial hand sanitisers around the school, in pertinent positions, to encourage the children to clean their hands after contact with milk/milk products. If your child is allergic to such hand sanitising products, **PLEASE** can you encourage your child to wash their hands with soap and water.

Thank you for working in partnership with us, over such a sensitive safeguarding concern.

INSET DAYS

On the 4th & 5th September staff received training on several essential areas, including safeguarding, assessment / curriculum tracking and GDPR.

Addresses and telephone numbers

Have you moved address or updated your phone number during the

holidays? If so, please remember to update the school office with your details.

Fruit only at break time

If you wish to provide a snack for your child at morning break time, please note that fruit only should be provided. Thank you for your support.

Elaine Brohoun Star of Hope Award winners

Well done to the following children who are winners of the Elaine Brohoun Star of Hope Award; Ayden S-B, Balbina B, Chanel W and Sofia U.

Pupils moving onto Thomas Knyvett College!



Dennis B and Alex R looked very smart in their new Thomas Knyvett school uniforms! We wish all the children the best of luck in their new secondary schools.

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.

Leading Parent Partnership Award

Amongst the other awards we have recently earned, we are now on our journey working towards the Leading Parent Partnership Award. Watch this space!

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.

National Read a Book Day and Roald Dahl Week

During our first full week back (w/c 10th September), we will be celebrating all things Roald Dahl.

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. Donations of £1 would be appreciated and all funds raised will be donated to Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity which funds specialist children's nurses for children who have rare and undiagnosed conditions. Roald Dahl week is a fantastic opportunity to develop the children's literacy skills as well as their creativity, whilst also having the opportunity to raise money for a fantastic charity. We look forward to sharing with you some of the amazing work the

children complete during this week.



INSET Days 2018/19

19th October 2018 – Alex Quigley, author of 'Closing the Vocabulary Gap'

15th February 2019 – SST joint school INSET

September

6th – Children return to school

6th – PTA Aladdin Theatre trip

11th – Swimming starts for Robin class

12th – Swimming starts for Swift class

12th – Bushcraft Parents Meeting 3.30pm & 5.30pm in the hall

13th – New EYFS Summer born children start school. PTA Coffee morning for EYFS parents

13th – Roald Dahl dress up day

13th – Heathrow Coding Challenge Year 6

14th – Roald Dahl Workshop for Years 3 & 4

14th - New EYFS Spring born children start school. PTA Coffee morning for EYFS parents

17th - New EYFS Autumn born children start school. PTA Coffee morning for EYFS parents

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

24th – Year 6 Junior Citizen Event

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

26th – 28th Bushcraft Trip

October

3rd – Ultimate Adventure 2019 Parent Information Evening in the hall at 3.30pm

4th – Whole school coffee and cake morning in hall / sharing our learning

5th – Woodpecker Class Assembly to Parents at 2.30pm

11th – New to EYFS 2019 Parent Tours at 9.30am and 6.00pm

11th – Flu vaccinations Reception – Year 4

12th – Robin Class Assembly to Parents at 2.30pm

17th & 18th – Parents' Consultations

18th – Children break up at 3.15pm

19th – INSET Day

22nd – 26th Half term

29th – Children return to school

30th – School individual photos

November

2nd – Owl Class Assembly to Parents at 2.30pm

4th – PTA Fireworks

W/b 5th – Book Fair 3.15 – 3.45pm

6th - New to EYFS 2019 Parent Tours at 9.30am and 6.00pm

8th – EYFS Coffee Morning in the hall / Celebration of Work

12th – Odd Socks Day (to support Anti-Bullying Week) donations appreciated

14th – Squirrel Class Assembly to Parents at 2.30pm

16th – Kestrel Class Assembly to Parents at 2.30pm

19th – Production of 'Bully's Paradise for KS2

19th – Year 6 SATs Information Evening in classrooms 3.30pm and 5.30pm

21st – Deer Class Assembly to Parents at 2.30pm

23rd – MUFTI Day for PTA chocolate tombola

23rd – Osprey Class Assembly to Parents at 2.30pm

24th – PTA Christmas Fair 11.30pm – 3.30pm

28th – Hedgehog Class Assembly to Parents at 2.30pm

28th – Bushcraft Meeting for September 2019 for Years 3 & 4, time tbc

December

7th – Save The Children 'Christmas Jumper Day', donations appreciated

7th – Christmas Lunch Day

7th – PTA Disco 4.00 - 7.30pm

11th – Reception Nativity to Parents 9.45am and 1.45pm

12th – KS1 Nativity to Parents 9.45am and 1.45pm

13th – KS2 Carol Concert at 9.45am

14th – KS2 Carol Concert at 3.30pm and 6.00pm, preceded by School Choir at 5.30pm accompanied by refreshments

19th – Break up for Christmas at 2.00pm