

Reception Newsletter – No 1. October 2018

Welcome to our very first newsletter of the year. We hope that you find it informative. Thank you all for making us feel so welcome when we visited your homes, it was lovely to meet you all. We would also like to thank the parents that joined us for the Stay and Play sessions and Phonics Workshops.

The children really enjoy creating models using 'junk'. Please could you send in any cardboard boxes and/or tubes to support children with their imaginative designs.

This half term our topic has been 'Can we be friends' and we have all enjoyed getting to know each other and our new friends.

We have also started our Phonics lessons and have already learnt the s,a,t,p,i,n,m and d sounds. It would be great if you could practise these sounds with your children at home.

After half term our topic is going to be 'Why do Squirrels hide their nuts?' Throughout the topic we will be learning about autumn and the changes that happen in the natural world.

We are really impressed with how the children are coming into school in the mornings. A lot of the children are already confident enough to say their goodbyes at the main gates. We know that this is not something all the children are comfortable with yet, however, we would like to remind you that as of the 29th October (after the half term) we will be stopping parents coming onto the playground. We therefore encourage the children to start this over the next couple of weeks in preparation for this.

Challenges for the children for the half term ahead: ★

- To write your name without help
- To get dressed for school without help
- To put your coat on without help
- To count to 10 or 20 if your child is ready
- To practise the phonic sounds we are learning at school

Dates for the Diary

17th and 18th October- Parent Consultation evenings
18th October- Children finish for half term at 3.15pm
19th October- Inset day
29th October- Children return to school
30th October- Individual school photos

Birthdays

At Ashford Park we love celebrating your child's birthday with them. To make this day extra special for your child, instead of sending in sweets to share with their friends we ask the children to donate/share a book to be read to the class.

Reminders

Please ensure children's coats, jumpers and cardigans are named. Could all children please bring a named water bottle to school each day to ensure that they can drink water independently throughout the day. The children have access to fruit all day, however if you would like to provide your child with a snack, please ensure that this is a piece of fruit or vegetables.