



**Safeguarding Hotspot
Concerns regarding
lateness**

Following our termly Educational Welfare visit, concerns have been expressed about our levels of lateness. The number of late marks has **doubled** from last year. This will result in an unannounced visit by the Educational Welfare Officer to monitor this and to meet with the parents of children who are consistently late to school.

Please ensure that your child is in school on time. Punctuality is a life-skill especially in the world of work and thank you for working with us to support **your** children in becoming responsible citizens.

PTA Christmas Fayre

APPS, you have helped to raise **£5,000.00** by supporting at the annual PTA Christmas fayre! The joy on the children's faces when playing in the giant snowglobe or when visiting Father Christmas was a joy to behold. Thank you to the merry band of volunteers who helped to make this festive event such a success, you are amazing!

**Ongoing sporting and
academic success**



We have a number of happy learners who have been highly successful in achieving many awards in private after school clubs. We send our congratulations to MD Sayhan K and Nikhil B.



"In Judo 3 teams got gold, so they would add the points. The team with the most points in the final would get the

big trophies, the second team with the highest points would get the second biggest trophies and finally the team with the lowest points would get the smallest trophies and I got the smallest trophy."

Eesa K
Well done to Eesa.

**MAC – Making
Attendance Count**

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Fox Class with 98.7%. Congratulations to the Top Dog winners being Swift Class with 99%. Fantastic!

**Leading Parent
Partnership Award**

We are absolutely delighted to inform you, that APPS has been awarded the prestigious 'Leading Parent Partnership Award'.

We send our thanks to Mrs Allen, for collating the enormous amount of evidence to demonstrate our school/parent partnerships, our governors, PTA and parents/carers of the APPS community, as we continue with our journey of 'Inspiring a love for lifelong learning'.

The assessor evidenced that we 'go above and beyond' and that our school is a 'warm, friendly and welcoming place to visit'. Of course, our children were highly praised, as they are truly **fantastic!**

Holiday leave in term time

Please be reminded that for the children there are **13 weeks** of holiday in an academic year and if your child is of statutory school age, **YOU** have the responsibility to **ENSURE** that your child is in school.

We are receiving an unacceptable amount of requests for holiday leave in term time in addition to the 13 weeks and this will always be **unauthorised**. The school has met with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) and has been advised that all holiday requests will continue to be unauthorised with fixed penalty notices being served for absences of 5 days and more.

Reporting Absences

Please remember to call the school office if your child is absent from school. Please use option 1 and leave a message for the absence, as the office is exceptionally busy in the mornings.

Please do not call back to confirm that we have received this – if we need to, we will contact you. Thank you for your support.

KS1 and KS2 clarification

We have had queries asking which year groups relate to key stages, these are as follows;

KS1 - Years 1 & 2

KS2 - Years 3 – 6

Hedgehog class Celebration of learning assembly

Well done to Hedgehog class for presenting such an informative and entertaining assembly. From mixtures in science to drama and healthy eating tips, you certainly impressed us with your learning this term. Keep up the good work after Christmas Hedgehog.



Certificates

Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week:

Mia O, Thomas W & Mayra M.



INSET Days 2018/19

The planned INSET Days so far are as follows:
15th February 2019 – SST joint school INSET

December

5th – Meet the Governors, 3.00pm-4.00pm, in the spare Year 5 classroom

6th – PTA Disco 4.00pm - 7.30pm

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

7th – Christmas Lunch Day

7th – Year 6 Height & Weight checks

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

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

12th – Year 5 Hampton Court Trip

13th – KS2 Christmas Concert 9.45am & 3.30pm

13th – KS2 Christmas Concert at 5.30pm, preceded by School Choir at 5.00pm accompanied by refreshments

17th – Year 4 Roman Workshop Day

19th – Break up for Christmas at 2.00pm