



**A message from
Father Christmas!**

Hi All, I thought I would share my experience in school today with you all. Story time with me, Father Christmas was amazing. It was a real privilege to meet nearly every child and member of staff in the school.

Based on my first-hand experience today, Governors and Staff should feel reassured of what many of us know in the North Pole, that Ashford Park is a great School.

Each year group was impeccably behaved during story time, listening and setting well, polite with thank you's and those who asked questions asked some really sensible ones. The odd one or two that did monkey around were kindly reminded of their manners and made the right decision to stay and enjoy the stories.

I send my special thanks to Mrs Bailey and Mrs Makepeace for reading their favourite stories that the children really enjoyed.

I also really enjoyed my walk around your school, my hugs from the children in Reception and signing autographs for years 4 and 5.

Thank you for having me APPS. Enjoy Christmas and I cannot wait until I visit again in 2019! **HO, HO, HO!!!**

Anti-bullying Poster Competition



The School Council organised an Anti-bullying poster competition to promote and advertise 'Choose Respect' for Anti-Bullying week.

The winners were chosen by the School Council members, who have their posters displayed on the board outside Mrs Allen's office and they received 100 house points each. Congratulations goes to Saihajleen C, Ashleen C, Willow E, Darcie W and Jessica S.

Our choir visit the Salvation Army

Our superb choir thoroughly enjoyed entertaining the Salvation Army and our local community as they

sang like angels. We are SO proud of you children – thank you.

Good-bye to Mrs Bullen

It is with sadness that we say good-bye to Mrs Lauren Bullen. Lauren will be undertaking a new venture with her brother and we wish her every success for the future.

PTA Christmas disco

Oh my goodness, how the children can DANCE! Thank you once again to the incredible volunteers of our PTA, for providing THREE discos within one night as we spent this time together celebrating Christmas through music and dance.

YUMMY Christmas dinner

We send yet another THANK YOU to Jo and colleagues from our school kitchen who prepared hundreds of delicious Christmas lunches for our children to enjoy!

Save the Children

We raised a fantastic £300.21 on Christmas jumper day. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this worthwhile cause.

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.

Winter Uniform Expectations

Please be reminded that children should now be wearing the winter school uniform.

Please see below the school uniform expectations for winter.

WINTER UNIFORM (After October half-term)

Red school jumper or cardigan.

White shirt or blouse with school tie.

(Reception children are asked to wear a white polo shirt with no tie.)

Mid-grey skirt, mid-grey pinafore dress or mid-grey school trousers.

Black school shoes (trainers and boots are **not** acceptable.)

Grey or white plain socks.

Grey or red tights.

Photographic Images - GDPR

Please be reminded that if photographs or video recordings are taken at a school event, these should be kept for family use only and **must not be uploaded to social media.**

Please bear this in mind if you have taken any photos or recordings during the Christmas Nativities or Concerts.

If someone else is collecting your child

Whenever possible, please call the school office by 2.30pm if someone else is collecting your child/ren. This gives the office staff time to deliver the message to the classroom.

Parentmail App

A majority of our parents have downloaded the Parentmail app. This means that any message sent arrives as an instant alert on your mobile. Please see flyer attached with this newsletter.

Lost Property

If your child has lost any items of clothing, please

check the lost property box before the end of term. Any unclaimed items will need to be disposed of on Wednesday 19th December.

Living Streets Schools Route Audit 2018



"Last Thursday I went with the Eco Committee and Jonny from Living Streets, on a walk around the local area. We were looking for dangers in the streets and what the Eco Committee can do to make the area safe.

We talked about the amount of cars parked on the pavements and how people can't get past so they have to walk on the road and that is not safe. We thought to make the pavements safer we could put double yellow lines to keep cars off the

pavements so people can pass safely.

I would like signs that say DO NOT PARK CARS ON THE PAVEMENTS!!!! KEEP CHILDREN SAFE!!!!

We also looked at road markings, graffiti, dangerous tree stumps and wonky curbs."

By Isla R

We will get a copy of the report from Living Streets which will also be submitted to Surrey County Council and hopefully any problems we raise can be rectified.

Cleaner Air 4 Schools Project



2 weeks ago 30 children from year 3 took part in a project run by Cleaner Air 4 Schools. During Workshop 1 the children learnt about air pollution, what causes it and then helped place special tubes in and around the

school grounds, also outside the school gates. These tubes have been collecting the air for the last two weeks and have now been removed and sent to the laboratory for analysing. We will get the results in the New Year when the children will take part in Workshop 2. This will tell us how polluted the air is around school and what we can do to help improve this for our school community, health of staff and your children.

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Badger Class with 99.3%. Congratulations to the Top Dog winners being Robin Class with 99.6%. Fantastic!



INSET Days 2018/19

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

December

17th – Year 4 Roman Workshop Day

19th – Break up for Christmas at 2.00pm

January

3rd – Children return to school

8th – Owl Class start swimming

8th - New to EYFS 2019 Parent Tours at 9.30am and 6.00pm

9th – Year 3 , 4, 5 & 6 Coffee Morning in the hall / Sharing our Learning from 8.45am, into classes at 9.10am

9th – Reception, Year 1 & 2 Coffee Afternoon in the hall / Sharing our Learning from 2.15pm, into classes at 2.30pm

9th – Heron Class start swimming

16th – Year 3 trip to Brooklands Museum

25th – Year 2 Windsor Castle trip

29th – Reception to Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

February

13th & 14th – Parents' Consultations

14th – PTA Valentines Cake Sale after school, in the spare year 5 class

15th – INSET Day

18th – 22nd Half term

March

W/beg 4th – World Book Week

7th – World Book Day

11th – Year 2 Animal Roadshow Onsite Workshop

12th – Kidscape Anti-bullying Workshops

19th – Year 4 Butser Farm trip

22nd – Oliver Twist theatre production for whole school