



We wish our fantastic community a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy and successful 2019. We hope that you are able to spend some restful time together and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Thursday 3rd January 2019 from 8.40a.m with registration at 8.50a.m.

This autumn term has been a really exciting and rewarding time, especially with our great Ofsted report, the awarding of the Leading Parent Partnership Award and the additional Ofsted whilst working in partnership with St Mary's University which focussed on our collaborative and professional working for both student teachers and Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs). Thank you for your support as part of our committed and loyal APPS community.

Robin Class Palm Oil Letter

"Hello, we've written to a company because they are using palm oil, therefore orang-utans are fighting against

extinction and twenty five of them die each day! Iceland has stopped using palm oil but this company hasn't, but we hope they stop when they get our letters.



Parents, if you are reading this please tell your children how bad palm oil is. You should not use it because it's very unhealthy and it's destroying rainforests. It is devastating that innocent orang-utans are being killed. I hope that we can all find a new solution."

By Liberty, Nathan, Jayden and Holly
Robin Class, Year 3

Safeguarding Hotspot

As always, safeguarding your children is paramount at APPS. In February, we arranged for staff training to be led by Marilyn Hawes. It was hard-hitting but vital in ensuring we are vigilant about looking after the children in our

community. Marilyn also led workshops for KS2 pupils and an after-school workshop for parents. Please follow the link below to an article about Marilyn's story and work that was published in The Guardian this week.

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2018/dec/18/child-abuser-pied-piper-children-teacher-sons-sexually-abused-schools>

Swimming sister superstars



We send our CONGRATULATIONS to Eleanor and Alice M for their recent phenomenal swimming successes winning a massive selection of bronze, silver and gold medals in a variety of distances in the disciplines of fly,

backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle!

MODESHIFT 2018, The National School Travel Awards

We are proud to inform our community that APPS has been awarded the Bronze Level STARS Award for our efforts to increase walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable transport on our journeys to school.
CONGRATULATIONS APPS!



MAC – Making Attendance Count

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Badger Class with 99.7%.
Congratulations to the Top Dog winners being Kingfisher Class with 97.3%. Fantastic!



Certificates

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

Karina B, Agamveer C, Rosie B, Callum S, Elijah M, Reuben S, Jenson P, Helena P, William B, Temi D, Sian B, Roman D, Ekam S, Arjun A, Maddison H, Jack C, William W and Laila-May E.



INSET Days 2018/19

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

December

**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

27th - Reception to Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

27th – Year 2 & 6 SATs Information Evening in classrooms 3.30pm & 5.30pm

April

5th – Break up for Easter at 2.00pm

23rd – Children return to school