



## Welcome back to the Spring Term

It was a real treat to see the children returning to school looking superbly wonderful in their smart school uniform and bouncing with excitement from the festive fun! We hope that you have had chance to relax and enjoy this precious time together, before the busy Spring term begins.

## Safeguarding Hotspot Concerns regarding attendance

We are hugely frustrated to report that **36 children failed** to return to school on the first day back on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019, despite the ongoing information that we provide to support you in YOUR STATUTORY parental responsibility of ensuring that your children are receiving their entitlement to their education.

Please be reminded that our school website provides diary updates, a Twitter feed, and also has calendars and newsletters informing our community of term dates

<https://www.ashford->

[park.surrey.sch.uk/page/?pid=78&action=saved](http://park.surrey.sch.uk/page/?pid=78&action=saved)

Attendance is a lifelong skill and we expect our community to work in partnership with us on this expectation. **Please accept our thanks, to those parents/carers who did ensure that their children were back in school on the correct date.**

## Year 4 Roman Workshop Day



We send our thanks to some fantastic parents who donated their own time to support the children on a number of Roman themed activities.

## Welcome to Mrs Crow



We are pleased to welcome Mrs Collette Crow to our school admin team. Collette is our new Receptionist / Administrator. Please feel free to call by and say 'Hello' as Collette settles into the busy life of our school office.

## Roald Dahl certificate



APPS received this brilliant certificate from the 'Roald Dahl Marvellous Children's Charity', when we had an exciting day of dressing as the character's from Dahl's books, raising £268.57!

## Reporting Pupil Absence

If your child is absent from school, please call the office using option 1 and leave a message with your child's name and the reason for the absence. Please note, the office is extremely busy during the morning period, there is no need to call back to ensure we

have received your message, if we need to, we will call you back.

### **Elaine Brohoon 'Star of Hope Award'**

Elaine was a truly fantastic teacher who worked at APPS a few years ago. Tragically Elaine lost her life to cancer, dying at the tender, young age of 29. To commemorate Elaine, as the true star that she was, every term, our learning support staff nominate children whom they feel deserve to be positively recognised. This term the Elaine Brohoon Star of Hope Award was awarded to:

**Temí D, William B and Jacob B.**  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**



We have started a new year with the Living Streets WOW Scheme. The children can earn a new badge each month by coming to school in a healthy way. In December the children of Ashford Park Primary School earned 262 badges and were able to see how they did using the Travel Tracker.

This month's top 5 winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kestrel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Robin and Fox
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kingfisher, Heron and Badger
- 4<sup>th</sup> Osprey
- 5<sup>th</sup> Squirrel



The children need to arrive in school once a week in a healthy way and log this information in class to earn themselves a badge. Come on children we can beat that during January and earn a new badge! Let's make the difference in 2019!



### **Bags2school Collection-Result**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Bags2School collection, we heard over Christmas that we collected 300kg of clothing/textiles. For collecting and taking part in the clothing/textile collections we raised £120.00 for our school Eco fund. Please use the link to find out what

happens to the unwanted clothes/textiles that you donated. <http://uk.bag2school.com/> Thank you Eco Committee

### **Our APPS babies are coming along nicely!**

Mrs Kemish and Mrs Jones keep in regular contact with our school and are thoroughly enjoying their time with their babies.



Henry and Eliza Kemish



Max Jones

### **Christmas kindness**

Thank you to our community for your kind and generous donations for our school animals. Jemima, Florence, Blue and Daisy thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas presents of sweetcorn, kale, carrots and bunny treats.

## Learning maps

Please find the link to our curriculum learning maps for 2018-2019 <https://www.ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=3361&type=pdf>

If you have any questions or need any advice, please feel free to e.mail us on our dedicated parent e.mail: [parents@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:parents@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk)

## 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!

## Catering role in Ashford Park school kitchen

Commercial Services are looking to appoint a member of staff;

12.5 hours a week, 11:00am to 1:30pm Monday to Friday, term time only, in our busy friendly kitchen.

For more information apply at:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/job-sectors/commercial-services/search-for-jobs-in-commercial-services>



## INSET Days 2018/19

The planned INSET Days so far are as follows:

15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – SST joint school INSET

### January

3<sup>rd</sup> – Children return to school

8<sup>th</sup> - New to EYFS 2019 Parent Tours at 9.30am and 6.00pm

9<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 , 4, 5 & 6 Coffee Morning in the hall / Sharing our Learning from 8.45am, into classes at 9.10am (excluding Heron class)

9<sup>th</sup> – Reception, Year 1 & 2 Coffee Afternoon in the hall / Sharing our Learning from 2.15pm, into classes at 2.30pm (including Heron class)

9<sup>th</sup> – Heron Class start swimming

15<sup>th</sup> – Owl Class start swimming

16<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 trip to Brooklands Museum

18<sup>th</sup> – Heron Class Assembly at 2.30pm

23<sup>rd</sup> – Badger Class Assembly at 2.30pm

25<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Windsor Castle trip

25<sup>th</sup> – Kingfisher Class Assembly at 2.30pm

29<sup>th</sup> – Reception to Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

30<sup>th</sup> – Fox Class Assembly at 2.30pm

30<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 G Live Concert in Guildford

### February

8<sup>th</sup> – Swift Class Assembly at 2.30pm

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Consultations

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

15<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Half term

### March

1<sup>st</sup> – Skylark Class Assembly at 2.30pm

W/beg 4<sup>th</sup> – World Book Week

6<sup>th</sup> – Mole Class Assembly at 2.30pm

8<sup>th</sup> – Woodpecker Class Assembly at 2.30pm

7<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day

11<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Animal Roadshow Onsite Workshop

12<sup>th</sup> – Kidscape Anti-bullying Workshops

13<sup>th</sup> – Deer Class Assembly at 2.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> – Robin Class Assembly at 2.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Butser Farm trip

20<sup>th</sup> – Hedgehog Class Assembly at 2.30pm

22<sup>nd</sup> – Oliver Twist theatre production for whole school

27<sup>th</sup> – Squirrel Class Assembly at 2.30pm

27<sup>th</sup> - Reception to Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

27<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 & 6 SATs Information Evening in classrooms 3.30pm & 5.30pm

29<sup>th</sup> – Owl Class Assembly at 2.30pm

### April

5<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Easter at 2.00pm

23<sup>rd</sup> – Children return to school