



Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term and we hope that you all had fun!

### **Safeguarding**

#### **Warning to Parents - new**

#### **WhatsApp/Playstation 'suicide game'**

There is a new WhatsApp/Playstation 'suicide game' called Momo. The disturbing game targets young people via WhatsApp and encourages them to kill themselves or bad things will happen to their friends and families. There are also reports in the media of Momo appearing in children's programs on both YouTube and YouTube Kids apps.

Please see the link below for more information:

<https://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/momo-challenge-suicide-game-pic-15868665>

Please help us to keep your children safe by monitoring their online activity.

#### **MAC – Making Attendance Count**

Well done to Reece P and Owen D for achieving

100% attendance since September 2018. The lads won a brilliant KINDLE in recognition of this vital life skill!



#### **APPS staff training**

Staff enjoyed their professional development during our INSET day on 15/2/2019 in partnership with the Spelthorne Schools Together Confederation.

Colleagues received training on:

*Early Phonics;*

Developing a Greater Understanding of Grammar and spelling at KS2;

*What is Developmental Language disorder?*

What is Pathological Demand Avoidance and how to support it;

*Making it better for boys and improving outcomes;*

Developmental trauma and implications for schools;

*The power of play, how to ensure challenge and progression through play and practical experience;*  
Effective communication;  
AND *First Aid.*

#### **Pupil Welfare**

##### **Administrator Vacancy**

We are looking for a Pupil Welfare Administrator to work in our busy school office for 5 days a week, term time only, 40 weeks a year. This role is to cover maternity leave for 9 months – 1 year, starting early in the summer term, date to be confirmed.

Application form and further information is on the school website and on Eteach.com

##### **If someone different is collecting your child**

If you are unable to collect your child yourself and are sending someone different, please advise the school office by 2.30pm at the latest, whenever possible. We are receiving messages very late in the day and in some cases it makes it very difficult for us to deliver them to classes in time.

## Book Week News

This year the theme of World Book Day is 'Share a Story'.

Throughout the week, the children will be sharing lots of stories with one another and taking part in a multitude of other activities which promote a love of reading. As part of our Book Week fun, we are holding a 'Bedtime stories' session for **EYFS** and **KS1** (Reception & Years 1 & 2) children on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 5.00pm - 6.00pm, in the hall.

The children are invited to come back into school wearing their pyjamas or onesies to listen to lots of different stories read by school staff. It would be really helpful if they could also bring a cushion (no beanbags PLEASE) to sit on and a teddy or small soft toy to cuddle.

For the children who are able to attend, the parents/carers of **EYFS** and **KS1** children are warmly invited to stay for a reading workshop about the importance of sharing stories with children and interesting ways to do this - all ways to improve our children's literacy, vocabulary and love of reading. This will be hosted in the spare Year 5 classroom by Miss Fearon,

Miss Cordery and Mrs Wootton.

**Children in KS2** (Years 3 – 6) would like to invite their parents/carers to share a story with them in class on World Book Day itself on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 2.45pm until home time.

This year, as the theme is 'Share a Story', we will be concentrating on sharing books, storytelling sessions, reading for enjoyment, reading to each other, recommending books and generally falling in love with reading. As the EYFS and Key Stage 1 children are invited to wear their pyjamas/onesies to the 'Bedtime Stories' session, children are not required to wear costumes during the day. All children will be required to wear full school uniform as usual on World Book Day.

The week will finish with an assembly with the children, celebrating all that we have learnt and shared during our Book Week.

## A Little Extra

We would also like to welcome some new members of our Ashford Park Community who we hope will also inspire a love of reading in our children. Our Reception

and Year 1 classes have been joined by The Gruffalo, Elmer, Stickman and many other book characters! We welcome all our readers young and old to meet our new arrivals and enjoy reading extracts from the books they feature in.

## Assembly Visitors

We would like to extend our thanks to another parent - Mrs Joanne Williams who generously gave up her time to lead assemblies to our KS1 and KS2 children this week. Joanne works at Heathrow Airport for a huge global company called IAG Cargo. She holds a highly responsible position and was able to share her career journey with the children. We learnt about how important it is to keep medicines at the correct temperature when they are being flown all over the world to help lots of people. We have also learnt that there are thousands of jobs at Heathrow and that some jobs enable you to travel to exciting places. It got us thinking and asking lots of questions. Thank you Mrs Williams.

## Sign2Sing

We raised an amazing £389.11 for Sign2Sing! Thank you for your generous donations to this worthwhile charity.

## PTA News

The PTA have signed up to the Classlist app. Please download the app on your smart phone and join our school group.

The PTA have been selected to be in the Tesco bags for life scheme during March and April. We have the opportunity to be awarded £4,000 if we come first! This will enable us to purchase a second mini bus. Please make sure you collect as many of the blue tokens as possible and fill up our box! We will be in Tesco extra Ashford.

Our summer Fayre will be on Sunday 9th June. We are busy organising the event already! If you would like to be involved please get in touch with the PTA.

We are looking for donations of plants and seedlings for our gardening stall. If you are able to help, please sow some seeds now so they are ready to sell on the day.

We will be having an entertainment arena. If your child belongs to a group that would like to perform on the day please get in touch with the PTA to enquire about a slot.

The PTA email address is: appspta@gmail.com

# Achievement

**Interesting word of the week: Repartee** – *Conversation or speech characterised by quick, witty comments or replies.*

## Pobble

The class Pobble authors for this week are:

Heron; Alice M

## MAC – Making Attendance Count

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Otter Class with 98.8%.

Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Owl Class with 100%. Fantastic!

## Certificates

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

Lily R, Kerem N, Mayra M, Emily D, Amelia F, Harley L, Callum L and Shiloh B-M.



## INSET Days 2018/19

The planned INSET Days so far are as follows:

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019.**

## March

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

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

**5<sup>th</sup>** – The 'Flipping Fantastic' Red Nose Day Pancake Race

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

**6<sup>th</sup>** - 'Bedtime stories' session for **EYFS** and **KS1** (Reception & Years 1 & 2) on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 5.00pm - 6.00pm, in the hall

**7<sup>th</sup>** – World Book Day

**7<sup>th</sup>** - KS2 (Years 3 – 6) share a story with parents in class from 2.45pm until home time

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

**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

**15<sup>th</sup>** – French Day – special menu

**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 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