



Welcome back to the Autumn term at Ashford Park Primary School, and we hope that you enjoyed your summer break.

Your children looked immaculate in their school uniform, and have behaved impeccably over the past two days. The majority of children have come well prepared to take part in all of the learning opportunities that we can provide, with pencil cases in KS2 and PE kit throughout the whole school. May we send our heartfelt thanks to you, for working in partnership with us, as we celebrate our value of **BELONGING**.

Ashford Park Primary School 30th anniversary
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning through: Achieving Potential Producing Success

Our school will be 30 years old in 2020, after Hengrove and Woodthorpe School merged to create one fantastic school - APPS. We hope to celebrate our anniversary, whilst at the same time preparing for the excitement of the **XXXII Olympiad** to be held in **Tokyo**.

VIP (Very Important Puppy)



We warmly welcomed **STORM**, our new VIP in assembly this week. Storm is a 12 week old black Labrador puppy, who will, over time, be training as a therapy dog, to support our community during times of need.

Mental health trainer

We are delighted to inform you, that Mrs Maria Pfiffner has successfully completed her Mental Health First Aid Trainer qualification. Mrs Pfiffner, will be running regular training for children and staff, to help support the mental wellbeing at APPS and other Spelthorne Schools Together.

Head Girls and Head Boys



We were absolutely delighted by the calibre of applications for the roles of Head Girl and Head Boy at Ashford Park Primary School. From the job description, the children wrote and presented their

speeches to the school community, being elected to take on these roles of significant responsibility. The children were incredibly brave and we are exceptionally proud of each and every one of them for wanting to take on such an important role. The children who were unsuccessful with their HG and HB applications are now happily fulfilling the roles of Prefects and Friendly Faces. Thank you children, you are true SUPERSTARS!

MINIBUS

We send a HUGE THANK YOU to our fantastic PTA and to YOU, our brilliant school community, for raising enough funds to purchase **ANOTHER** school minibus. The bus will be used extensively, to safely transport our children to numerous activities around the local area.

Published authors

We are delighted that 8 children became published authors whilst in YEAR TWO, contributing to a new book called, 'Young Writers. My Amazing

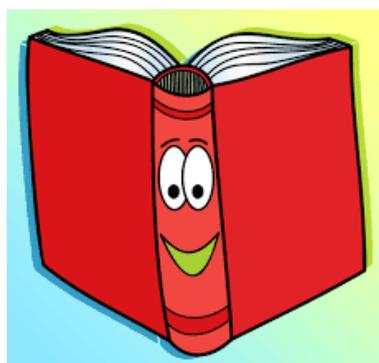
Diary. Tales from Middlesex'. We send our congratulations to: Inaaya K, Evie K, Amelia J, Adam S, Sophie S, Michael D, Annie B, Olivia P and Jenson P.



Penalty Notices to address poor attendance at school

Please find attached the national guidance from the Surrey Inclusion Office concerning 'Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School.'

Reading News



At Ashford Park Primary School, we are passionate about inspiring a love of reading in our children. We would like to start the new academic year by celebrating 'National Read a Book Day' which takes place this year on Friday the 6th of September. We have invited the children to bring in a favourite book they have read over the summer or a book they just absolutely love to share with their class in order to inspire their classmates to try new books and different authors.

During our first full week back (w/c 9th September), we will be celebrating all things Roald Dahl. On Roald Dahl's birthday, Friday the 13th of September, as part of our Dahlicious week, we will be asking the children to come into school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character. A donation of £1 would be appreciated and all funds raised will be donated to Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity, which funds specialist children's nurses for children who have rare

and undiagnosed conditions.

Roald Dahl week is a fantastic opportunity to develop the children's English skills as well as their creativity, whilst also having the opportunity to raise money for a fantastic charity. We look forward to sharing with you some of the amazing work the children complete during this week.

Interesting word of the week: *LIONIZE = Give a lot of public attention to (someone); treat as a celebrity.*



INSET Days **2019/20**

14th February 2020

20th, 21st & 22nd July 2020

September

5th, 6th, 9th & 10th – EYFS Home Visits

9th – Year 6 Junior Citizens trip

10th – Bushcraft Meeting in hall 3.30pm and 5.30pm

11th – PTA Theatre trip – Lion King

13th – Roald Dahl Dress Up Day

16th – EYFS Summer children start

17th – EYFS Spring children start

18th – EYFS Autumn children start

19th – Parent Drop In / Meet New Teacher in classrooms 3.30pm – 4.30pm

25th – 27th - Bushcraft trip for Years 3 & 4

October

1st – EYFS Sharing Our Learning, Parents invited into classrooms from 2.45pm

1st – EYFS & Year 1 Phonics workshop in the hall 3.30pm – 4.15pm

1st – Individual school photos

10th – KS1 Coffee & Cake Morning in the hall / Sharing Our Learning

11th – Harvest Service in school for children

15th – New to EYFS Parent Tours, 9.30am & 6.00pm

23rd & 24th – Parents' Consultations

28th Oct – 1st Nov – Half term

November

3rd – PTA Fireworks

11th – Odd Socks Day, in aid of anti – bullying

13th – New to EYFS Parent Tours, 9.30am & 6.00pm

15th – MUFTI Day for Children in Need

19th – Year 6 SATs Information Evening 3.30pm & 5.30pm in classrooms

27th – Bushcraft for Sept 2020 Parent Meeting for current Years 2 & 3

28th – Just Joshing (Anti-bullying) production for children in the hall

December

10th – Reception Nativity to Parents at 9.45am & 1.45pm

12th – KS2 Carol Concert at 9.45pm

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13th – Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day' (£1 donation appreciated)

13th - Christmas Lunch

17th – KS1 Nativity to Parents at 9.45am and 1.45pm

20th – Children break up for Christmas at 2.00pm

January

6th – Children return to school

February

14th – INSET Day

17th – 21st - Half term