

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter
13th February 2020
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



Safeguarding Hotspot

Just a polite reminder that sweets and cakes must not be brought into school for children's birthdays. We would like to recommend that your child brings their favourite story book in to school to be shared with the class. This is due to the high number of children with allergies. Thank you for helping us to safeguard your children.

Anti-Idling

As you may remember, we held an anti-idling event last year to highlight pollution and encourage clean air around the school. Please do not leave your car engine running if you are early and are waiting to collect your children. Thank you for your support.

Sign2Sing



The children impressed us all with their ability to learn this year's Sign2Sing song: Joining Hands. All together we raised an amazing £449.64 for

the charity Sign Health who assist people with hearing difficulties. Last year we raised £389.11, so thank you all for your support and generosity.

Warburton's Workshop



"On Wednesday 5th February Warburton's came to visit us as part of our Scrumdiddlyumptious ILP. We learnt how we can have a healthy diet and what each of the sections of the 'eat well plate' were. In the afternoon we made healthy sandwiches. We also watched a video on how to make bread and the different jobs in the factories."

By Inayah K Woodpecker

Child Line CALM ZONE

Please find a link to a really useful tool from Child Line, to help support

children during times of anxiety and stress:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

Welcome to Miss Skipper

Miss Skipper is now our permanent Pupil Welfare Administrator.

Miss Skipper was covering maternity leave for Mrs Gibbons, who has now decided not to return to Ashford Park - we wish her all the best with her plans for the future.

Congratulations to Miss Skipper, we send a huge welcome to our office administration team.

Damage to new shrubs



We are very disappointed by the damage caused to our new shrubs by members of our school community, but more specifically Parents / Carers who should know better. Only today, a Parent was observed guiding his children through the centre of the shrubs and damaging a number in the process.

The new shrubs planted around the Year 1 and new building have only just been planted and cost the school almost £1000. Please respect the school environment and teach your children to do so too. Thank you to all those responsible and considerate parents who are setting a good example to their children and teaching them to be responsible members of society.

Book Week News

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

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 Tuesday 3rd March 5.00pm - 6.00pm, in classrooms.

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 if they wish.

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 hall by Mrs Wootton, Miss Cordery and Mrs Diplock.

Children in KS2 (Years 3 – 6) We would like to invite your parents/carers to share a story with you in class on World Book Day itself on Thursday 5th March from 2.45pm until home time.

This year, as the theme is 'Share a Million Stories', 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.

KS1 children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on World Book Day (Thursday 5th March). KS2 children will be invited to dress up as an interesting word to encourage exciting and ambitious word choices. There will also be a

'Vocabulary Parade' to celebrate the children's outfits.

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

Reading News

Here at APPS we are getting very excited about all of our upcoming events celebrating all things reading.

We have many events to look forward to, so here are the details well in advance.

Scholastic Book Fair (w/c 24th February)

The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our school the first week after half-term, bringing a great selection of the very best books to inspire and entertain young readers. The Book Fair will be in the 'Spare' Year 6 classroom every evening week commencing the 24th of February. It will open at 3:15pm and close at 3:45pm. This will be a great opportunity to get the children excited about books ready for Book Week, whilst also earning free books and resources for our school. The children will come home with a leaflet this week

showcasing just some of the books you will be able to purchase.

Half-term reading competition

Our competition for this half-term is all about reading in 'wacky' places. Do you enjoy reading up a tree or on the garden swing? If you do, then send in a picture of you reading in an unusual place on the first Monday of next half-term and you may win a special prize. Make sure your photograph is clearly labelled with your name and class to make judging easier. These photos will be displayed to inspire other readers, so please only send one in if you are happy to have your picture up in school.

School dinner money

If you wish to pay the next half terms dinner money in advance, this amount is £70.50.

Read for Good Readathon

We are very excited to announce APPS will be taking part in the 'Read for Good' Readathon. The money raised by the school provides books and storytellers to all of the UK's major children's hospitals and funds projects encouraging children to read for fun. A

love of reading improves a child's life beyond measure. Thank you very much on advance for helping make this happen. More details on this will follow after half-term.

Thank you from Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity

We have received a lovely letter from Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity thanking us for the money we raised dressing up for Roald Dahl Day. Thanks to your generosity more funding can be provided to help seriously ill children lead a marvellous life. A huge thank you to all who got involved.



Maths Shed

Top class - Squirrel, Kingfisher and Moorhen
Top Mathematicians:
Finley B – Robin Class
Daniel S-Squirrel
Adrian S-Kingfisher
Lily C-Hedgehog
George - Fox

Pobble

The class Pobble authors for this week are:
Aila C, Archie R, Heidi F, Joshua L, Lily S, Maya R, Alexandra T, Annie B, Aladin A, Kalem T, Samuel

T, Irina B, Mason H, Adam D - Robin Class
Robin – Fox Class

Spelling Shed

Top class – Squirrel, Osprey and Robin

Top spellers:

Annie B – Robin Class
Adait S-Squirrel
Daniel S-Squirrel
Tanya K-Osprey
George - Fox

Times Table Rockstars

Jerry S, Irina B, Lily S – Robin Class

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Whole School Attendance 95.6%

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Deer Class with 99.3%.
Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Robin Class with 99%.
Fantastic!

Year 4 Gifted and Talented Quiz

Well done to the following children who participated in the Spelthorne schools together Year 4 Gifted and Talented Quiz. The children worked extremely hard and we are super proud of the efforts they put in!

Kyra R – Moorhen
Sayhan K – Moorhen
Eesa M – Heron
Ruby KC – Kingfisher

FINDING YOUR BRAVE

The theme of Children's Mental Health Week was to 'Find your Brave'. Last week shone a spotlight on the importance of looking after our mental health. Life is all about taking small brave steps every day. Bravery could be about sharing a worry and asking for help when you need it, trying something new or making the right choice.

Every child was invited to bring in an item, photo or object that made them feel brave. These were shared as part of their PSHE lesson. We were delighted to see many items ranging from footballs to photos, and scarves to memory boxes.



"My QPR pillow and book make me feel brave. I went to QPR and was sitting in my seat, some people came up to me and asked if I would like to go on to the football pitch. So, in front of

20,000 people and on TV, I got to go and see all the players and got their signatures." Connor



"A trick I use to make me feel brave is that I use a butterfly hole punch to punch out some paper butterflies and then put them in a box. It makes me feel like I am shutting the nerves out." Lucy



"These shoes make me feel brave because when I went to Florida I was

asked to put my head inside a crocodile's mouth. I was very scared, so after I had done it my parents took me to a shop and let me choose them. Now whenever I go I wear them." Laura

"I found my brave when I fell on the field at school and broke my elbow. I had to be brave because I went to hospital and had x-rays and a full arm cast put on. It was so painful, I cried. After 4 weeks, I had to go back to hospital and be brave again when the doctor took the cast off and started to move my arm around. It soon healed and was back to normal." Lauren

"I brought in a teddy called Nelly, it makes me feel brave because my grandad bought it for my mum the day she was born (that means it's very old). When my mum was in hospital I cuddled it every night because I missed her and it made me feel better." Jessica

Did we find our brave? ...
YES, WE CERTAINLY DID!

Thank you to the parents and carers who supported their child/children with promoting the important matter of looking after their mental health.



INSET Days 2019/20

14th February 2020

20th, 21st & 22nd July 2020

February

13th – Children break up for half term at 3.15pm

14th – SST INSET Day

24th – Children return to school

w/b 24th – Scholastic Book Fair after school, in the Spare Year 6 Classroom

26th – Ultimate Adventure Parent Meeting for June 2021, 5.00pm in the hall

26th – Fox Class Assembly at 9.20am, doors open 9.10am

28th – Skylark Class Assembly at 2.45pm, doors open 2.35pm

March

3rd – EYFS, Years 1 & 2 Bedtime Stories Session in classrooms 5.00pm - 6.00pm.

3rd – Reading Workshop for EYFS, Years 1 & 2 Parents whose children are attending Bedtime Stories Session

5th – World Book Day

5th – Years 3 - 6 Parents invited to share a story with them in class 2.45pm – 3.15pm

5th - EYFS, Years 1 & 2 are invited to dress up as their favourite book character

5th – Years 3-6 are invited to dress up as an

interesting word to encourage exciting and ambitious word choices

6th – Class photographs

6th – Year 2 Bake Sale at 3.15pm, outside Year 2 classrooms

10th – Year 1 Dance Workshop

10th – Year 4 Parents Times Table Test Information Session in the hall at 3.30pm

12th – KS2 Coffee Morning in the hall / Sharing Our Learning

11th – Deer Class Assembly at 9.20am, doors open 9.10am

13th – MUFTI Day for Sports Relief

13th – Moorhen Class Assembly at 2.45pm, doors open 2.35pm

16th – Year 2 Hounslow Urban Farm Visit in school

17th – Voice in a Million at Wembley Arena

18th – Hedgehog Class Assembly at 9.20am, doors open 9.10am

20th – M & M Production of the Jungle Book am, workshops for Years 4 & 5 pm

25th – Squirrel Class Assembly at 9.20am, doors open 9.10am

25th – Year 2 & Year 6 SATs Information Evening at 3.30pm and 5.30pm, in classrooms

27th – Year 4 Anglo Saxon Workshop in school

April

3rd – Children break up at 2.00pm

20th – Children return to school

21st – Year 1 Pedals training

22nd – Year 3 Rocks, Soils & Volcanoes Escape Room Experience in school

27th – Reception Screening

29th onwards – Year 2 Learn to Ride course

May

1st – Year 5 trip to Kew Gardens

w/b 4th – Year 2 SATs week

7th – MUFTI Day for school funds

8th – Bank Holiday

W/b 11th – Year 6 SATs week

15th – Year 6 trip to Thorpe Park

17th – PTA Staines 10K run

w/b 18th – Year 2 SATs week

W/b 18th – Year 6 Bikeability - more details to follow

20th – Ultimate Adventure Meeting to Parents in the hall at 5.30pm

21st – Skills Builder Challenge Day

22nd – Children break up for half term at 3.15pm

25th - 29th Half term

June

1st – 5th Year 5 & 6 Ultimate Adventure residential trip

2nd – Year 3 Chiltern Open Air Museum trip

10th – EYFS trip to The Look Out Centre

10th – PTA Mary Poppins Theatre Trip

12th – Year 2 trip to West Wittering