

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter
4th September 2020
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



We were extremely delighted and completely excited to welcome back our children from years 1 to 6, after such a truly extraordinary 2020.



Together we can work in partnership to support each and every child on their safe, happy and confident return to school.



We may all be feeling a little anxious at the moment, as this is a natural feeling due to change, but there are many ways to manage our emotions and even turn them into positives!

WELCOME ALL!

Our new to reception, September 2020 families, will be calling in individually to school, to visit the school environment before the children officially start with us. Due to the restraints of CV-19, we have been unable to conduct our usual home visits, and have therefore confidently decided to offer one to one visits to school instead.

Hounslow Urban Farm Visit



"Back in March the farm came to our school to show us the animals. Some of the animals we saw were a cockroach, a stick insect, a python and a chinchilla. We were allowed to put the python around our necks and it was really scaly and felt very cold. We learnt that a cockroach hisses so that

predators get scared and run away.



The chinchilla had very soft fur, as soft as a blanket. We also got to touch a lizard, it was called a water lizard and it was really sticky. We learnt that the water lizard can breathe under water for 45 minutes! One of our favourite animals was the African snail. The African snail has 13,000 teeth and has 1 hole to breathe in. We loved our visit from the farm and learnt so many interesting facts."

By Gabriel H and Luqman K

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling:
Phone: 0800 046 8687
Opening hours:
Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm.

Ordering school meals online

Please remember to order your child/rens school meals online. The cut off is 9.00am Friday morning for the following week.

Parking

We appreciate that it is the start of term, but we have already received several complaints from our neighbours who live in Queens Walk. **Please respect our neighbours by parking considerately and do not block driveways.** Please park a few roads down and walk wherever possible to avoid congestion. Thank you for your support.

Changes to start and end of the day to reduce congestion at gates and to enable

better social distancing for our community

In the morning, gates will be open from 8.30 - 9.00am

Station Crescent:

8.30 - 8.45: Years 5 and 6 enter
8.45 - 9.00: Reception enter

Queens Walk:

8.30 - 8.45: Years 3 and 4 enter
8.45 - 9.00: Years 1 and 2 enter

Siblings are still allowed to walk in together (either gate)

At the end of the day, gates will be open from 3.00 - 3.30pm

Station Crescent:

3.00 - 3.15: Reception parents to collect Rabbit Class from their classroom door; Otter Class from ramp gate; Dormouse Class from wall gate (the fenced outside area of EYFS)
3.15 - 3.30: Years 5 and 6 parents to wait on the playground or inform school via email if children are allowed to leave the school premises on their own

Queens Walk:

3.00 - Years 1 and 2
3.15 - Years 3 and 4

Parents - we urge you to stick to your 15 minute time slots to ease congestion outside of the gate.

Therefore, enabling social distancing between parents at the beginning and end of the school day.



We will endeavor to deliver the usual school events, but we will look at the latest Covid 19 guidance and decide on each event on an individual basis. The items in red are to be confirmed.

INSET Days 2020/21

2nd November 2020
12th February 2020
21st July 2020

September

3rd, 4th, 7th & 8th EYFS home visits
14th EYFS summer born intake
15th EYFS spring born intake
16th EYFS autumn born intake

Note: PTA Coffee Mornings after new parents leave their children in class – to be held outside, weather permitting TBC

16th Year 1 – 6 Parent drop in / Meet New Teacher Evening, in classrooms, 3.30pm-4.30pm

29th – School Individual photographs
PTA Sponsored Colour Run **TBC**