

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter  
18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

*Inspiring a love for lifelong learning*



**We were absolutely delighted to welcome our new to APPS, Reception children who joined us this week. Children, you are truly lovely and have settled so confidently. Mums and Dads, well done for being so admirably brave! Let our learning partnership begin!**

Our new Reception children have been very excited to explore all of the different learning areas in their classrooms. They have enjoyed getting 'stuck in' to our role play areas.



They have been mark making and writing 'messages' to each other and you!



They have loved playing with our small world areas and retelling their stories.



We have been delighted to see how much they enjoy reading and sharing books together, that is clearly inspired by you!



They have also explored our outside area daily this week and have been very active in our water area, role-play area and with our play equipment.





The children have been very creative!



### **Safeguarding Hotspot**

Please be reminded that on our website at the top of the Home page and by clicking on the red banner, you can access our Covid – 19 communications and documentation that has been in place since March 2020 and evaluated as the CV situation has developed over time:

<https://www.ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk/news/?pid=1&nid=1&storyid=92>

Please be reminded that self-isolating due to CV-19

symptoms, is **not the school versus parents.**

We are all on the same 'side' and that is the 'side' of the children. PLEASE can we continue to support each other – **THANK YOU.**

### **Google Classrooms**

We were pleased to be able to provide virtual teaching to our year 1 children this week, during their period of self-isolation and are extremely grateful to Mrs A'Bear, Mrs Jones, Mr Bloomer and Mrs Woods for the hours that this has taken, to finally run this government interactive and recommended programme.

You will shortly be receiving Google Classroom and Google Meet information; we hope that you find this supportive, as we move forward during these unknown and uncertain times.

### **Is your child starting school in September 2021?**

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 you will need to apply for a school place. **You can apply between 2 November 2020 and 15 January 2021.**

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need

to know about school admissions and apply online at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](https://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or you can call on 0300 200 1004.

Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

### **Secondary School applications**

If your child is in Year 6, you need to apply online for a secondary school place **by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.**

Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](https://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or you can call on 0300 200 1004.

**The closing date for on time applications for secondary school is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.**

### **A message from Thamesmead School: Virtual Open Events**

The present situation means we are not able to hold our traditional open events to help students and parents get to know our popular and successful school. We recognise that there will no substitute to coming to see Thamesmead in

person, but we aim to do our best to bring the school to you.

In the coming weeks we will be offering various virtual events including a virtual tour and a webinar presentation by the Headteacher.

These details will be published on our website here <https://www.thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk/admissions-for-entry-sept-2021/> as soon as they are available.

### **A message from Thomas Knyvett College**

Due to the current circumstances, we will not be running our usual open evening for pupils to come into school. Instead, we will be running a virtual open evening on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September. A

PowerPoint presentation will be sent to Ashford Park so that teachers can go through it with year 5 and year 6 pupils.

### **A message from the Surrey Cricket Foundation**

The Surrey Cricket Foundation are writing to let you know about our Pride of Lions cricket courses that are available across London and Surrey for the Reception – Year 3 age group.

These are great starter sessions to engage your

child and nurture their enthusiasm in cricket.

We would love to welcome your child on to a course with us, for more information and availability please [click here for the reception and year 1 category](#) and the [years 2 and 3 category here](#). If the course that you are interested in is full then please click on the 'more' button to add yourself to our waiting list. If you require any further information please contact Katie Baker on [kbaker@surreycricket.com](mailto:kbaker@surreycricket.com).



### **MAC – Making Attendance Count**

**Whole School Attendance 94%**

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Squirrel Class with 100%.

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



**INSET Days 2019/20**  
2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

12<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
21<sup>st</sup> July 2020

**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.**

### **September**

**29<sup>th</sup>** – School Individual photographs

### **October**

**1<sup>st</sup>** EYFS and Year 1 Phonics and Early Reading workshop for parents 3.30pm – 4.15pm

**1<sup>st</sup>** Year 5 Haslemere Museum Egyptian Beliefs workshop (in school)

**6<sup>th</sup>** Provisional booking and parent meeting re Ultimate Adventure trip June 2021, in the hall at 5.00pm

**8<sup>th</sup>** – Year 1 & 2 Sharing our Learning session. Parents enter through Station Crescent gate straight into classrooms.

**8<sup>th</sup>** Harvest Service in school, for children only

**13<sup>th</sup>** – New to EYFS Parent Tours 9.30am-10.30am

**23<sup>rd</sup>** – MUFTI Day - Wear it Pink, donations of £1 would be appreciated

**20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** – Parents' Consultations

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Half term