

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter
9th October 2020
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



Safeguarding Hotspot

Please find a reminder to the link on our school website for online safety guidance. Thank you for working in partnership with us as we endeavour to keep our children safe online both at APPS and at home:

[Online safety at APPS](#)

THRIVE practitioners



We are delighted to inform you, that despite a rather disrupted year of learning, both Mrs Michelle Wall and Mrs Rachel McKenna have

successfully completed their THRIVE training and are now, joining our team of licensed THRIVE practitioners at APPS.

Thank you colleagues for your commitment to your training, which equips adults with the knowledge, insights and resources, needed to develop the relationships that help children and young people to flourish and learn at APPS.

Year 5 Egyptian Workshop



The children in Year 5 took part in an Egyptian Workshop. They learnt lots and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



SUPERSTAR children

Governors met last night to discuss our return to school arrangements and we shared with our unpaid critical friends, feedback from our teaching and learning colleagues:

EYFS:

'The children have settled remarkably well, and we feel that this has been due to excellent parent and staff relationships, working together to support the children right from the very start.'

Year 1:

'The children have taken most things in their stride and have said that they enjoyed their online learning.'

Year 2:

Overall, year 2 have returned to school with enthusiasm and an appetite to learn.'

Year 3:

'The children in year 3 have returned to school full of enthusiasm.'

Year 4:

'The children are always ready to learn and have the thirst to learn more!'

Year 5:

The children are clearly, really pleased to be back to school and have settled well.'

Year 6:

'The children couldn't wait to get back to school.'

Such a settled and calm start wouldn't have been possible without YOU – mums, dads and carers THANK YOU!

October half term

Despite media speculation, we have been advised by the Department for Education that no decision has yet been made concerning the alleged 'two week' October half term break. We will inform our community when we hear of any news and thank you for your continued patience.

Home / School communications

To aid our partnership working, we would like to draw your attention to the communication plan on our website. We hope that this page clearly explains our communication channels and timescales – THANK YOU.

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Parent Consultation Evening

We anticipate that this term's Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on the following dates:
Tuesday 20th October
and Wednesday 21st October 2020.

We would like to invite all parents to book an appointment to consult with their child/children's teacher by logging onto your SCOPAY account, all appointments are scheduled for 10 minutes.

Appointments can be booked from Wednesday 7th October at 4.00pm, until the closing date, Monday 19th October at 8.00am.

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, we shall be conducting a poll to ascertain parent and staff preference on

how to conduct these meetings, either through a video or telephone conference system.

Secondary School applications

If your child is in Year 6, you need to apply online for a secondary school place **by 31st 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 or you can call on 0300 200 1004.

The closing date for on time applications for secondary school is 31st October 2020.

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.**

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Year 1 outdoor learning area

Year 1 are looking for a number of resources to develop the outdoor learning area.

If you have any of the following that you could donate, it would be appreciated:

Pipes
Guttering
Plastic crates
Smooth planks of wood
Log slices
Old kitchen utensils
Old Pots & Pans
Small plant pots
Cuttings of herbs to plant

These items will be left for 72 hours before handling, to adhere to the current Covid-19 guidance.

A message from Spelthorne Resource Centre

Spelthorne Resource Centre are offering 100 free craft activity packs, for children, to be sent out in time for October half term. If you would like to receive an activity, please email: leisure@spelthorne.gov.

uk stating your name and how many packs you would like to receive.

Achievement

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Whole School Attendance 95%

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

Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Woodpecker Class with 99.3%. Fantastic!



INSET Days 2020/21

2nd November 2020

12th February 2021

21st July 2021

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. Please check the newsletter as this will detail the most up to date information. The

items in red are to be confirmed. The items in blue will be held virtually online, details to follow.

October

New to EYFS Parent Tours to be held virtually online – details to follow

20th & 21st – Parents' Consultations

23rd – MUFTI Day - Wear it Pink, donations of £1 would be appreciated

23rd- Children break up at usual time

26th – 30th Half term

November

New to EYFS Parent Tours to be held virtually online – details to follow

2nd – INSET Day

6th – Year 3 Indian Dance Workshop

12th – Year 4 trip to Fishbourne Palace TBC

16th – Odd Socks Day, in aid of anti-bullying awareness, £1 donation would be appreciated

17th – Year 6 SATs Information Evening 3.30pm and 5.30pm in classrooms

17th & 18th – Flu vaccinations

December

All Christmas performances are to be confirmed