



Safeguarding Hotspot

We are extremely disappointed to say, that due to Covid-19 restrictions, this year, **children will be unable to bring in and distribute their own Christmas cards.**

PLEASE be reassured that we will still be having lots of fun leading up to Christmas and will be enjoying taking part in lots of festive activities. Further information will follow.

Tik Tok App

We are aware of primary-aged children who are using Tik Tok. Please be reminded that the **UK age rating for the Tik Tok app is 13 years.** If you have older children who are using the app, please see the attached updated guidance on parental controls.

As ever, please keep your children safe online. You can find links to websites for advice via the Safeguarding page on our APPS website: [Safeguarding procedures](#)

Year 4 Roman Day

Year 4 recently experienced what life was like for the Romans! They were greeted at the door by their teachers dressed

as Roman Goddesses, bakers and archaeologists.



The whole day was filled with mind blowing, fun and creative activities, such as excavation of Roman artefacts, making Roman bread and creating mosaics.



The children had a wonderful day (even if they were treated as slaves!) and were able to link learning to other subjects within our curriculum.

Here are some quotes from our children:

"We have learnt about the Romans – what it was like, what society was like and how they lived."

"Some Romans lived a life of luxury, eating food like hog roasts and even flamingo!"

The day was great fun and the children all took away with them a Roman coin which they had designed themselves, a bread roll and a brain full of amazing facts!



Policy update

The government have decided that in this complex world it is essential for our children to be supported with their growing understanding of 'Relations education and Health education'. We are advised that the focus in primary school should be on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, with particular reference to friendships, family relationships, and relationships with other children and with adults.

In line with this expectation, please find a link to [GOVERNMENT publications RHE](#) guidance which explains the expectations of what has to be taught at primary school. We also have a dedicated page on Relations and Health

Education, on our [School website](#)

Please find attached with this newsletter our policy which explains the rationale and how we shall deliver this important learning at APPS. We welcome your thoughts through info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk.

Is your child starting Reception 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.**

Please find a link on our website, which has a video and virtual tour for your information. [Reception entry information for September 2021](#)

As a Surrey maintained school, the reception admissions process opened on 2nd November 2020: [Surrey admissions information](#) 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.

Achievement

Maths Shed

Top Mathematicians:
Liliana P

Pobble

The class Pobble authors for this week are:
Charlie L

Spelling Shed

Top spellers:
Isla B

MAC – Making Attendance Count Whole School Attendance 95.6%

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Squirrel Class with 100%.
Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Osprey Class with 100%.
Fantastic!

Certificates

Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week:

Molly L, Koko D, Macey T, Reece R, Jaxon A, Annelise L and Tyler T.



INSET Days 2021

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.

December

4th – Year 1 Dinosaur Workshop

w/b 7th – Year 2 Phonics Screening check

9th Christmas dinner day and Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation for Save The Children

There will be no Christmas or Choir Concerts this year. Year groups will film their Christmas song with Makaton which will be uploaded onto the school website.

18th Break up at 2.00 pm

January

4th – Children return to school

11th – Reception African Dance Workshop

13th – Freedom from Abuse Mufti day & **cake sale (tbc)** to raise funds towards 'Keeping ourselves safe'

25th-27th Year 3 Warburtons Workshop

February

9th & 10th – Parents' Consultation Evening **by telephone**

12th - INSET day

15th – 19th Half term

23rd - Year 2 Hounslow Urban Farm visit