



Safeguarding Hotspot

As we endeavour to keep staff and children safe, we would like to inform you that the office will remain closed to parents / carers until February half term 2021. The situation will be reviewed again at this time. Please telephone or email the office if you have any queries: info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk

Please send all items in with your child – the office cannot accept water bottles etc.

Year 6 Frozen Kingdom

Oh my, year 6 had a truly fantastic virtual meeting with Alex Gregory, two times OLYMPIC CHAMPION in the phenomenal sport of rowing and acclaimed Arctic explorer. Alex spoke about his incredible rowing career and how he used these transferable skills, to then explore the ARCTIC!

THANK YOU Alex, we shall be forever grateful for your time with year 6 and for sharing your incredible lifetime

adventures! [Alex Gregory](#) MBE



Rio 2016 Olympics – Alex on the left!

Christmas Jumpers, Christmas Lunch AND CHRISTMAS! FATHER

Wednesday was full of FESTIVE FUN, as our children wore their Christmas jumpers, enjoyed their Christmas lunch, pulled a cracker or two, received a Christmas present AND met a VERY SPECIAL VIRTUAL VISTOR – **HO, HO, HO!**

Thank you as always to our incredible kitchen colleagues, who prepared over 400 Christmas lunches and to our always supportive PTA and band of willing volunteers!

APPS helped to make our world a better

place, by supporting Save the Children, 'Christmas jumper' event – we raised an incredible £480.57 THANK YOU for your kindness and generosity.

Year 1 Dinosaur Planet



Did you know that dinosaurs became extinct 65 million years ago! Year 1 were FULLY engaged with their learning and LOVED the opportunity to become archaeologists to learn even more fantastic Dinosauria facts, to support their Imaginative Learning Project: 'Dinosaur Planet'.





Year 1 enjoyed a trip back in time as they uncovered ancient fossils and met a real life T-Rex! The children carefully brushed sand away from the fossils and then used their reading skills to identify each one. In the afternoon they learned how a T-Rex's tail helps it to balance and finished the day by meeting Millie, a T-Rex who doesn't like children as she thinks they smell of smelly socks!

'It was fun because we got to look for fossils and see a big dinosaur.'
By Anish

'I loved seeing the big T-Rex and getting to stroke the baby dinosaur.' By Dina

'My favourite part was when we were allowed to brush away the sand to find the different fossils.' By Caleb

Community support

APPS was honoured to work with our friends

from the Stanwell Food bank and the Salvation Army, to support our community during these festive times – THANK YOU.

Please find a link to the Surrey Family Crisis Fund, for families facing significant financial challenges: [Surrey Crisis Fund](#)

Stanwell Foodbank

Stanwell Food Bank have asked us to let families know that during the holiday they are offering the following support.

Fresh fruit and veg boxes are available to collect on the 21st December and these are on a first come, first served basis.

They will also provide bread, sandwich fillings and fruit etc. to families on 17th, 18th and 21st December.

Families to collect wherever possible.

Please call Anna – Marie on 07429 584286 if you need more details.



We have started a new year with the Living Streets WOW Scheme.

The children can earn a new badge each month by coming to school in a healthy way. In November the children of Ashford Park Primary School earned 209 badges and were able to see how they did using the Travel Tracker.



This month's top 3 winners are:

- 1st Swift & Moorhen
- 2nd Fox & Swallow
- 3rd Kingfisher

The children need to arrive in school once a week in a healthy way and log this information in class to earn themselves a badge. Come on children we can beat that during December and earn a new badge!

Achievement

Individual class results will be sent out by MarvellousMe. Whole school results will be published in the Newsletter.

Maths Shed

Top class - Moorhen, Heron & Osprey
Top Mathematicians:
Mehtab S, Kalem T & Khaliq B.

Pobble

The class Pobble authors for this week are:

Shiloh B, William D, Emma G, Henry S, Maya R, Aila C, Inaaya K, Max W, Karina B, Eshal S, Ella F, Joseph E, Denzen P, Areeka Z, Adrian S, Willow E, Milly C & Nathan O.

Spelling Shed

Top class - Kestrel, Kingfisher & Woodpecker
Top spellers:
George T, Maya K & Nancy B.

Times Table Rockstars

Top class: Bumblebee, Woodpecker & Skylark
Daniel S, Lily-Grace A & Ranveer T.

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Whole School Attendance 95.6 %

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Rabbit Class with 96.6%.

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

Certificates

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

George T, Dean K, Jaeden J, Evie W, Thomas W, Jasmin M, Chloe K, Nathaniel G and Phoenix W.



INSET Days 2020/21

18th December 2020
12th February 2021 tbc
21st July 2021

December

w/b 14th – Year 2 Phonics Screening check

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.

17th - Children break up:

Station Crescent:

Reception: 13:45 – 14:00

Years 5 and 6: 14:00 – 14:15

Queens Walk:

Years 1 and 2: 13:45 - 14:00

Years 3 and 4: 14:00 – 14:15

Acorn Centre

13.45 – 14.00

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'

13th – Year 2 Windsor Castle online workshop

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

March

23rd – Year 6 SATs Information Evening in classrooms