



**HAPPY CHRISTMAS
ASHFORD PARK**

Thank you for being such an incredible community. We have everything crossed for a safe and happy Christmas and we truly look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 4th January 2021. Please enjoy our fabulous festive Makaton Christmas carols, brought to you by the phenomenal children of Ashford Park: [Makaton Christmas Celebrations](#)

Father Christmas came to visit APPS using the power of technology!

The children enjoyed a rather cheeky story and asked Santa lots of really interesting questions:

'Just how fast does your sleigh travel?'

'Why is Rudolph always at the front of the sleigh?'

'How many elves do you have?'

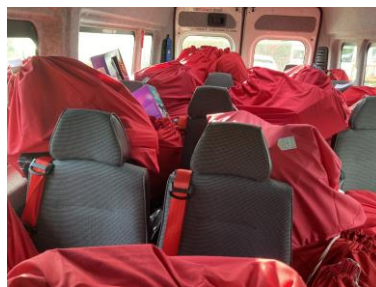
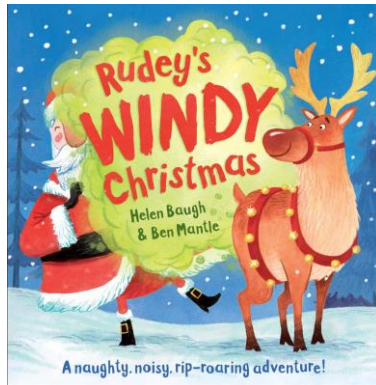
'How many toys do the elves make?'

'Is there truly a naughty and nice list?'



'Why do you have a big hat and is your hat magic?'

'Can you name all of your reindeer and do they always have magical powers, or are they only magic at Christmas?'



Our school minibus was transformed into Santa's sleigh, full of wonderful goodies for our children. THANK YOU again to our friends at the

Salvation Army for continuing to support our school community during these festive, yet, challenging times.

Creative Year 1!



Year 1 had a wonderfully creative morning, working with Miss Norris to create festive baubles on the playground.

Christmas lunch

We send a HUGE

Thank you to Jo and our talented cooks, who made **440** Christmas dinners for the children of APPS - YUMMY!

Safeguarding Hotspot

As ever your children's safety both online and off is paramount. Please see the attached advice shared by 'Freedom from Abuse' director Marilyn Hawes. Sixteen is now the recommended age for WhatsApp and Instagram is now the top app for online grooming of children. Please read the attached safety cards for these apps.

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.

Information from Surrey County Council Financial Support for those facing hardship

Information for Surrey residents who may be facing financial hardship and the support Surrey-wide pledge to provide.

Our message during these hard times is clear: if you are struggling or feel that you are unable to make ends meet, Surrey councils are here and continuing to support you and your communities through these unprecedented times.

We have a dedicated helpline that residents who are struggling and in need of support can call and someone will be able to get them the help they need. In

addition, all the latest information can also be found on our Surrey County Council COVID Financial Support web pages, because we recognise the vital role councils have to play in the present times.

Community Helpline number: 0300 200 1008
Availability Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm

SMS: 0786 0053 465 for Deaf and hearing impaired residents only (Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm)

Stanwell Foodbank

Please disregard the information about Stanwell Foodbank fruit and veg boxes in the newsletter last week as this was included in error. We apologise for this mistake.

If you are eligible for this service you will have received a separate Parentmail. Stanwell Foodbank remain open for food parcel referrals if needed.

Achievement

Individual class results will be sent out by

MarvellousMe.
Whole school results will be published in the Newsletter.

Pobble

The class Pobble authors for this week are:

Chloe C, Sophia S, Evie K, Jessica H, Irina B, Adam D, Adam F, Joshua L, Heidi F, Sophie J, Harry B, Delilah S, Jayden A, Tyler S, Justine L, Harshita G, Nancy B, Lauren W, Tyler T, Enrique S, Charlotte D, Angelina G, Elliott M, Nancy H, Rosie D, Freya O, Sian P, Charlie S, Georgia S, Amelia S, Frankie P, Gergana N, Koko D, Alex W, Sireen A & Ola F.

Times Table Rockstars

Hafid M, Nixon K & Daniel S.

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Whole School Attendance 95.4%

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

Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Osprey Class with 99.6%. Fantastic!

Certificates

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

Grace E, Olivia D, George T, Dean K, Jaeden J, Evie W, Freya W, Mila A, Eden B, Robin O, Isla R, Zoe W, Thomas W, Serena B, Chloe B, Sapphire K, Callum L, Ethan M, Olivia B, Tanisha A, Antoni T, Jack C, Irina B, Louie H, Eadey S, Lily A, Taylor S, Nikhil B, Isabella G, Maya H, Lauren D, Nancy B, Charlotte D, Nancy H, Harvey F, Rosie D, Zack K & Kaliq B.



INSET Days 2021

12th February 2021 tbc
21st July 2021

December

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 – 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

30th – Bushcraft Parent Meeting in the hall 3.30pm and 5.30pm

April

1st - Children break up at 2.00pm

19th – Children return to school