



We just wanted to say **THANK YOU** to you, the community of Ashford Park, for working in partnership with us once again through an incredibly challenging, yet peculiarly rewarding year.

May we wish you continued good health and happiness, and hope that you have an opportunity to re-charge your batteries over this school holiday period.

Your children have demonstrated huge resilience, happiness and self-worth and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

In September, APPS would have reached its final stage of expansion to meet the growing population needs of the community of Ashford North and the surrounding areas. We are now in consultation with Surrey to look further at the buildings and how these can be enhanced to continue to meet the needs of our 655 children. We will keep you fully up to date with any enhancement / building works, as and when we know.

Learning FUN!

What an adventure year 5 had on Thursday! The children were extremely excited and were looking forward to all of the activities that we had planned in year 5.



They were split up into 6 groups for a carousel of activities that included graffiti art, making bird feeders, tower building, fire pit (marshmallows and activities), team building activities (capture the flag, parachute games) and 5 PE activities where they had to complete the activity to earn a jigsaw puzzle.

It was an amazing day even though it had to be shortened slightly due to an unknown wasps nest being disturbed by the smoke from the fire pit!

Elaine Brohoon Star of Hope Award

Each year we award the Star of Hope in memory of Elaine Brohoon, our dear colleague who is still sorely missed.

The KS1 award goes to Harry K, for making incredible progress with his learning. He is enjoying

learning and being such a helpful asset to class.



The KS2 award goes to Stanley H, for his hard work, perseverance and his positive attitude to learning. He has become a confident young man and continues to show this in his reading and spellings.



YEAR 6

This is always an incredibly emotional time for our **SUPERSTAR** year 6 children (and staff!), as they move on to year 7 and the start of the next phase of their learning

journey. We are **FULL** of **PRIDE** for each and every child, many of whom started with us at APPS at the tender age of 4 in reception.

Despite the incredible challenges of learning throughout a global pandemic, your children have been truly phenomenal and are a credit to you. Children, we hope that we have inspired you to build a dream for the future and please remember that you are our hope, you are our kindness, and you are our future.

Thank you for choosing Ashford Park and we wish you continued happiness and success.



Ear Piercing

If you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, please do so at the **beginning** of the **summer holidays** so that they have time to heal before school starts in September.

Thank you for your support.

Absence in term time

Please be reminded that if your child is of **statutory school age**, YOU have a

legal 'duty' to ensure that they are in school in term time. PLEASE check our school website, which has the term dates up to 2021 – 2022.

School Meal Prices

With effect from September 2021, the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.45 a day, £12.25 a week.

Outstanding School Dinner Money

If you have any dinner money outstanding, please ensure that this is paid by the end of this term.

Thank you for your support.

Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property left unclaimed, so please check the lost property box if you have lost any items. Unfortunately, any unclaimed items will need to be disposed of at the end of this term.

Working together at APPS: Parent / carer comments:

"Thank you very much for providing a detailed report for our child. We would like to thank everyone at APPS for all their hard work during this hard time"

"Very proud of my daughter's achievements in Year 4 and to read such positive descriptions of her improvements. This challenging year, with home schooling, I managed to see her

improving in every lesson, which was great. Thanks to the amazing teachers and great colleagues."

'My son has coped with all of the lockdowns and home schooling, and I'm very proud of him.'

'It is exciting to see and read all that my daughter has achieved this year. Thank you for your part in that.'

'We are incredibly grateful for your skill, expertise and kindness in supporting our son throughout year 2.'

'Very proud mummy and daddy, for this excellent report.'

'Many thanks to all staff for their continuous support and guidance during these testing times.'

'As parents we have had plenty of communication from school. Can sometimes be a little difficult as both work full time but our child has thrived and enjoyed her time at Ashford Park.'

'I would like to thank all the year six staff for the time they have dedicated to my child. My child was only with the school a year but I wish she had spent all her primary years here. All the staff show a real commitment and a love for learning. I cannot thank you all enough.'

'My experience has been brilliant. I have found all staff approachable, been

well informed, that my child's education and well-being is the no1 priority of all staff, I have felt welcomed and it's been a worry free experience as my child was in safe hands.'

'Ashford Park has given my child an outstanding start to her educational journey. It's given her the tools she will need to have a smooth and successful education. Thank you.'

'Our child has had a wonderful time at Ashford Park. We thank all the staff for all the hard work and support they have provided. Special thanks to the teachers who have made this last year the best it could be and inspired our daughter to continue her love of learning despite the difficulties of Covid!'

'As a parent I couldn't be happier with my child's time at APPS. From reception to year 6 he has had wonderful teachers and supporting staff, received a fantastic education and has this great enthusiasm for learning that I know will stay with him forever.'



And from our children:

'I felt safe because the school was secure and

during fire drills and lockdowns we were all safe.'

'To have a building of secondary school at APPS so that our whole class would still be together.'

'It is a resplendent and enjoyable environment to be in. During lessons teachers manage to convey the knowledge in a fun and understandable way. We have a vast amount of resources to help and encourage us including iPads, multi-link and English packs. I believe that the Ashford Park atmosphere is one of the best across UK primary schools.'

'Ashford Park has provided me with a supportive and nurturing learning environment, with enjoyable learning experiences. I have enjoyed being challenged, and being pushed to my full potential. During quarantine, I feel that the school has done a good job allowing us to continue our education while at home.'

Achievement

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Whole School Attendance 96%

Congratulations to the

Top Ted winners last week being Mole Class with 98.5%. Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Swift Class with 99.3%. Fantastic!



INSET Days 2020/21

21st July 2020

INSET Days 2021/22

1st & 2nd September 2021

22nd October 2021

1st July 2022

4th July 2022

July

20th - 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

21st – INSET Day

September

1st & 2nd INSET Days

3rd Year 1 – 6 Children return to school

3rd, 6th, 7th & 8th EYFS school visits (in school)

13th EYFS summer born intake

14th EYFS spring born intake

15th EYFS autumn born intake

28th Individual photographs