



**Welcome to the autumn term at APPS**

It has been lovely to welcome our children and our community back to school, and to hear of the summer break adventures. The weather proved a dampener for some summer fun, but the children still seemed relaxed and confident on returning to school.

We hope that everyone has had an opportunity to read our return to school arrangements. All of our measures will be constantly reviewed and amended in light of any changes to Government guidance or in the event of a number of cases of Covid-19 in the school; as we are able to tighten these measures immediately should we need to.

Importantly with Covid cases set to rise exponentially, we request that all visitors to OUR site CONTINUE to wear a face covering, especially upon collecting the children from school at the end of the day. As of Tuesday, positive Covid cases had tragically risen to 41,192, with Spelthorne exceeding national figures with positive

confirmed cases – **THANK YOU.**

**Loving learning**

Straight back to it, with swimming in years 3 and 4 and gymnastics in year 5!



**Volunteer to drive our school minibuses**



Thanks to the brilliant work of our PTA, we are extremely fortunate to have TWO school minibuses. These minibuses are used to provide enriching activities for our children to enjoy out and about in the community, including

the statutory expectation of providing swimming.

We are seeking a community volunteer, to drive the minibuses transporting our children from APPS to Saxon in Shepperton one or two afternoons a week. Volunteers would need to hold a clean driving licence and we would provide full training. If you hold a B category driving licence, you must have held a clean licence for at least two years.

If you are able to help us, PLEASE can you contact us on [info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk)

**MAC – Making Attendance Count**  
**Whole School Attendance is 92.9%**

The national target is 96% - **we must try harder.** This does not reflect any Covid absences; this is due to unauthorised absences and sickness.

**Little Wandle Phonic programme**

Ashford Park staff have been receiving intensive and extensive whole staff training as we move to adopting the Little Wandle systematic synthetic phonics

programme, with a particular focus on reception, year 1 and year 2 phonic teaching. As we all know, reading is a skill for life and without confidence and competence with reading, experiencing and enjoying all aspects of life can prove very challenging.

There are specific sections of the programme which help to inform our parent / carer and school partnership in supporting each and every child to succeed in their phonics learning and enjoyment of reading.

### **Information on reading books for KS1**

As a school this year we are adopting a new whole school phonics programme. It is a government requirement that all schools follow an SSP (systematic synthetic phonics) programme and that the school must have complete fidelity to that scheme. As a school we have chosen the Little Wandle revised Letters and Sounds phonics programme. This programme draws on the latest research into how children learn best and how to ensure learning stays in children's long-term memory. As we all know the process of learning is far simpler for children who read well.

As this is a new programme for us and we have had two disruptive years of learning due to a global pandemic, it will take us time to accurately assess the children's starting points. Therefore, initially your child will bring home a book to share with you. This book will not reflect the phonics stage that your child is working at, it is for you to share together. We are aiming for phonically matched reading books to go home via an online platform in the next couple of weeks. However, this is resource dependent and as soon as we are ready, we will let you know. Please continue to read with your children at home, sharing books, enjoying stories, asking questions and generally promoting a love of reading with your child. Thank you for your understanding, we will be in touch with more information soon.

The English Team

### **Photographic consent**

Please let us know if your photographic consent preferences have changed, in order that we can update our records.

### **Addresses and telephone numbers**

Have you moved address or updated your phone

number during the holidays? Please use the Sims Lite App to update your details. If this is not possible, please remember to update the school office with your details. The Parental Details Update form can be found on the website under Dates, News & Activities / Forms.

### **Children walking home alone**

Please email [info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk) if your child is in year 6 and has permission to walk home alone.

### **Ordering school meals online**

Please remember to order your child/rens school meals online. The cut off is 12.00 noon Thursday for the following week. We would be grateful if meals are ordered online as this speeds up the process in school.

### **Twelve15 job vacancies**

Our catering company Twelve15 has several job vacancies. Please see the link below to access; <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search?keywords=twelve15>

A stylized graphic with the word 'Achievement' written in a bold, blue, 3D-effect font. The letters are slightly overlapping and have a white outline, giving it a sense of depth and movement.

## Certificates

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

Joseph S, James W, Ariana B, Robyn R, Savannah D, Isla B, Lilly P, Jacob E, Olivia D, George S, Darcie P, Samir S, Georgia C, Marrio M, Amelia S, Savannah O, Millie B, Daniella A-F, Bethany H, Alex M, Ashleen C, Stanley H, Frankie A, Gabriella S, Liam F, Bethany W, Lavinia O and Miley B.



## INSET Days 2021/22

21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**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 this 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.**

## September

**W/b 06/09** Swimming starts for Robin & Moorhen Class

**13<sup>th</sup>** EYFS summer born intake

**14<sup>th</sup>** EYFS spring born intake

**15<sup>th</sup>** EYFS autumn born intake

**20<sup>th</sup>** - Year 5 Egyptian workshop

**23<sup>rd</sup>** - Year 3 Falconry UK workshop

**28<sup>th</sup>** School Individual photographs, no PE this day

**30<sup>th</sup>** – M&M Productions; Treasure Island

## October

**6<sup>th</sup>** – Provisional booking and Parent Meeting re Ultimate Adventure trip June 2022 – in the hall / online

**7<sup>th</sup>**- Harvest Service in school, children only

**11<sup>th</sup>** – EYFS Indian Dance Workshop in school

**12<sup>th</sup>** – New to EYFS Parent Tours at 9.30am / [online](#)

**19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>** – Parents Consultations in person / by phone

**20<sup>th</sup>** - Children break up at usual time

**21<sup>st</sup>** – INSET Day

**22<sup>nd</sup>** – School additional Bank Holiday in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee on Friday 03 June 2022

**25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>** Half term

## November

**11<sup>th</sup>** – New to EYFS Parent Tours at 6.00pm / [online](#)

**15<sup>th</sup>** – Odd Socks Day, £1 donation would be appreciated (anti-bullying)

**18<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6 SATs Information Evening 3.30 & 5.30pm in classrooms / [or online](#)

**24<sup>th</sup>** – Provisional booking and Parents Meeting re; Stubbington for March 2023 for current year 3, at 5.30pm in the hall [or online](#).

## December

**7<sup>th</sup>** Reception Christmas Songs for parents 9.45 am

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Ticket allocation, first come, first served

KS1 Nativity to parents 9.45 am:

**14<sup>th</sup>** – Badger and Deer parents

**15<sup>th</sup>** – Fox and Hedgehog parents

**16<sup>th</sup>** – Mole and Squirrel parents

**16<sup>th</sup>** KS2 Choir Concert at 3.30 pm accompanied by refreshments. No additional KS2 performances. If any KS2 child chooses to perform, they can attend choir (which will be free) after school on a Friday.