

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter
17th September 2021
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



Welcome ALL

Our new to reception children have started at Ashford Park this week and what an HONOUR it has been to meet you all. Not only do you look immaculate in your uniform as proud members of our school, but your manners and confidence on starting your learning journey with us has been phenomenal – THANK YOU.



Well done to our reception parents / carers, who have been incredibly brave as we begin our journey in working together with you, to inspire a love for lifelong learning at Ashford Park Primary school.

The children have been having a wonderful time exploring our Early Years provision and have settled into their new learning environment amazingly and are already inspiring us with their creativity!



We would also like to say well done and send a warm welcome to our new staff members, who have

been kept super busy over the summer holiday period, setting up their rooms and getting to know and understand all of the day to day routines and resources that Ashford Park provides to support their teaching and the children's learning. Welcome Mr Gilmore and Mrs Beer, and to Miss Cooper who is our new Learning Support Assistant.

Promise to the planet

Following Mrs Allen's assembly this week about climate change, the children have been encouraged to use the power of their voices and have their say at COP26 in November when world leaders will be meeting to discuss the effects of climate change on the future.

WWF and partners will be bringing a tree from the Forest of Promises right into the heart of COP26 – and your child's leaf could be on it. Show your child how to have their voice heard by sharing the attached template with them so that they can get their leaf to WWF by 20th October. It would be great if they could make a duplicate either using the template attached or on a real leaf, and bring it into school before the 20th

October so that we can make our own Ashford Park Tree of Promises.

Parentmail app

Please see attached information regarding the Parentmail app. If you download the app, this will enable you to view school messages instantly.

Is your child in year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31st October 2021**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call on 0300 200 1004.

Attendance & Exceptional Leave

The start of a new school year is always a good time to remind parents of our policy and expectations of children's attendance in school.

As a maintained Surrey school, we work in partnership with the North East Inclusion Service and our Surrey Inclusion Officer is Mr Ross Sherman.

Please be reminded that our attendance expectation for all children is 100%, unless they are unfortunately suffering from the day-to-day childhood illnesses such as sickness and diarrhoea, when the expectation is that to avoid transmission,

you kindly keep your child at home for 48 hours until after the last 'episode'.

Our website also provides a handy link to the Public Health England Guidance on Infection Control, for when your children really should not be in school for example with chicken pox, diarrhoea and vomiting!
[download.asp \(ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk\)](http://download.asp(ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk))

PLEASE find the attached information provided by the Surrey Inclusion team, concerning expected attendance at school, if your child is of statutory school age (the term after they are five). Even if your child is in reception, it is still essential that they attend school and this would be our partnership expectation.

Links on school website:
[Ashford Park Primary School - Attendance & Fixed Penalty Notices \(ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk\)](http://Ashford Park Primary School - Attendance & Fixed Penalty Notices(ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk))

AND:
[Ashford Park Primary School - MAC - Making ATTENDANCE Count \(ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk\)](http://Ashford Park Primary School - MAC - Making ATTENDANCE Count(ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk))

Healthy packed lunches

If your child eats a home packed lunch, please make sure that you and your child make healthy food choices and remember that we are a NUT FREE school. Unfortunately, this

includes **NO CHOCOLATE SPREAD** as we cannot ascertain from a sandwich whether or not chocolate spread has nuts in it e.g. Nutella or similar.

We have some children and staff with **severe nut allergies - which can be life threatening**.

Please also be advised that your child has a set amount of time to eat their lunch, so a good guide is to include three healthy items of food e.g. a sandwich, a yogurt and a piece of fruit.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will receive a piece of fruit to eat at morning break time. If they are in KS2, they can bring their own piece of fruit from home to eat at break time.

It is also essential that you fuel your child's body and mind by providing them with a healthy breakfast.

For top tips on healthy lunches, please follow the link below to the NHS Change 4 Life website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-recipes>

A graphic with the word 'Achievement' written in a large, blue, 3D-style font with a white outline and a slight shadow effect.

Pobble

The class Pobble authors for this week are:

Andriani K, Lamiah N, Mayra M, Axel K, Husna B, Max E, Evie K, Raahil M, Jenson P, Olivia L, Diella A, Anish S, Ellie D, William D, Gracie W, Rosie B, Daniela V, Isla R, Milly C, Annie A, Sydney P, Stanley H, Lily A and Harshini R.

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Whole School Attendance 94.9 %

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Squirrel Class with 97.7%.

Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Moorhen Class with 100%. Fantastic!

Certificates

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

Arhan K, Lola W, Matilda D, Lilianna P, Ellie M, Charlie L, Violet R, Ronnie F, Victoria H, Lamiah N, Lena R, Perry P, Luke G, Lorne F, Rebecca L, Arvin K, Evie W, Joseph B, Dexter A, Ellie D, Tommy M, Kate C, Arjun A, Jay D, Evie K, Husna B, Ruby M, Harvey J, Max W, Mehtab S, Aladin A, Jack C, Laila-May E, Shelby L, Isabella D, Willow E, Nathan O, Alex M, Amy C, Kieran B, Sienna L, Ekam S, Diella A, Crystal W, Jayden A and George L.



INSET Days 2021/22

22nd October 2021

1st July 2022

4th 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.

Please note, that school will be closed on Friday 22nd October. This is a day in lieu of the second bank holiday for the Queen's Jubilee which falls on 3rd June 2022 half term. This means that the end of Autumn I will be Wednesday 20th October at 3:15. Thursday 21st October is an INSET day for staff training.

September

20th - Year 5 Egyptian workshop

23rd - Year 3 Falconry UK workshop

28th School Individual photographs, no PE this day

30th – M&M Productions; Treasure Island

October

5th – New to EYFS Parent Tours at 4.15pm

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

7th- Harvest Service in school, children only

11th – EYFS Indian Dance Workshop in school

19th & 20th – Parents Consultations in person / by phone

20th - Children break up at usual time

21st – INSET Day

22nd – School additional Bank Holiday in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee on Friday 03 June 2022

25th – 29th Half term

November

11th – New to EYFS Parent Tours at 6.00pm

15th – Odd Socks Day, £1 donation would be appreciated (anti-bullying)

18th – Year 6 SATs Information Evening 3.30 & 5.30pm in classrooms / or online

24th – Provisional booking and Parents Meeting re; Stubbington for March 2023 for current year 3, at 5.30pm in the hall or online.

December

7th Reception Christmas Songs for parents 9.45 am

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