

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter
24th September 2021
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



Head Girls, Head Boys and Prefects – positions of responsibility

We were truly delighted to listen to speeches from a significant number of year six children, who prepared for and delivered speeches to our school community, to demonstrate their commitment to wanting to be the next Head Girl and Head Boy of Ashford Park Primary School. Children, your eloquence and compassion was clearly evident and the voting was exceptionally close!



CONGRATULATIONS to:
Emily H and Ashleen C, our Head Girls and Eesa K and Nathan O, our Head Boys.
For the children who were not successful, we are looking forward to working with you as our new APPS Prefects.

Friendly Faces – further positions of responsibility

Who better than our current children in year six, to meet, greet and support our very youngest reception children!



Thank you year 6 for nurturing, caring and demonstrating outstanding friendship to our children aged four and five, as they commence their seven year learning journey with us at APPS.



Roald Dahl week

As it was Roald Dahl Week last week, the children learnt a little about the famous children's author and listened to a couple of excerpts from his wonderful stories. Please follow the link to watch a short video with your child/ren, filmed at The Roald Dahl Museum.

At Ashford Park, we nurture a real culture of reading for pleasure. To help you and your child to select books that they will enjoy reading, please see the attached tube maps which have been designed to help you identify other books and authors based on your preferences. They are in age group phases 4+, 7+ and 9+.

<https://www.roalddahl.com/create-and-learn/join-in/roald-dahl-day>

Introducing our Home School Link Worker (HSLW): Parent Support on our website: [Ashford Park Primary School - Parent Support \(ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk\)](http://Ashford_Park_Primary_School_-_Parent_Support_(ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk))



New to EYFS Parent Tours

We have two New to EYFS 2022 Parent Tours arranged.

If you or someone you know have a child due to start school next September, you are warmly invited to visit Ashford Park on either Tuesday 5th October at 4.15pm or on Thursday 11th November at 6.00pm to enjoy a tour of our school.

We will be conducting tours for up to sixty people in groups of ten, accompanied by senior leaders, head girls, head boys and prefects. Staff will be available in the classrooms to talk through the teaching and learning that takes place at Ashford Park and to answer any questions that you may have.

You are warmly invited to bring your school age child who is starting in September 2022.

To book a particular date and time, please call our office team on 01784 250305 who can answer any questions that you may have. Please be advised that all tours must be booked.

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.

Try a School Lunch Day

On Thursday 7th October we are holding a 'Try a School Lunch Day' for the KS1 children.

The menu for the **whole school** on this day will be:

Loaded Beef Burger with potato wedges and peas or

Glamorgan Sausage with Mini Potato Waffles and Carrots

Both options are followed by a shortbread biscuit.

Your child is entitled to a Free School Meal if they are in Reception, Year 1 or 2.

On 7th October **ALL** children from these year groups will be able to try a school lunch, freshly prepared in our on-site kitchen. If your child usually brings a packed lunch they may still do so, but will also have the

opportunity to sample our delicious school lunches.

Ventilation and cold weather – classrooms

With winter fast approaching, but with the significant risk of Covid still impacting on our everyday lives; to keep us all safe, we will continue to teach with windows and doors open, in an attempt to ensure adequate ventilation. PLEASE may we suggest that your children come to school in layers that can be taken off or added to and securely stored at their desk in their classroom.

Anti-idling campaign

Spelthorne Borough Council are running an anti-idling campaign, #EnginesOff.

Drivers often leave their vehicle engines running whilst stationary on congested roads, at traffic lights, and waiting outside schools and businesses. However, the emissions from petrol and diesel engines contain nitrogen dioxide and particulates which are linked to asthma and other respiratory problems, as well as carbon dioxide which contributes to climate change. Leaving the engine running whilst stationary can produce double the emissions of a car in motion, and the fumes linger nearby.

Further details about the campaign can be found on the [Spelthorne](#)

Borough Council
website: <https://www.speltorhorne.gov.uk/enginesoff>

Inclusion / Attendance Officer school visits

Please be advised of the dates that the Inclusion / Attendance Officer will visit:

06/10/21
24/11/21
12/01/22
16/03/22
25/05/22
13/07/22

Thank you for your support.

Achievement

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Whole School Attendance 95%

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Rabbit class with 98.8%.

Congratulations to the joint Top Dog winners being Heron Class and Red Kite Class with 100%. Fantastic!

Certificates

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

Jayhan N, Zach H, Lottie S, William S, Karim A, Sienna R, Gracie E-W, Anika A, Matilda-Jo A, Rebecca J, Max M, Erin T, Jaxon A, Amber S, Sedat B, Mae P, Celia F, Jasmine M, Jayden T, Reuben S, Jessica H, Henry H, Simon

J, Joe E, Heidi F, Samuel T, Georgia L and Alexandra T.



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.

September

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 / or online

6th – Inclusion / Attendance Officer school visits

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.

24th – Inclusion / Attendance Officer school visits

December

7th Reception Christmas Songs for parents 9.45 am

8th Reception Christmas Songs for parents 9.45 am Ticket allocation, first come, first served

Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper days (children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers and bring in a donation for Save the Children)

9th – Reception, Year 1 and 2

10th – Years 3 - 6