



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

After what can only be described as an extraordinary autumn term, we send our very best festive wishes to our school community. YOUR children have continued to be truly **GREAT** primary school role models, and despite significant periods of absences for some children and staff, we have greatly enjoyed all that the autumn and winter seasons have provided.

ENJOY THIS PRECIOUS TIME and we look forward to welcoming our community back to school on **Tuesday 4th January**, when the gates open at **08:30** and **Registration** is taken at **08:50**.

Safeguarding Hotspot

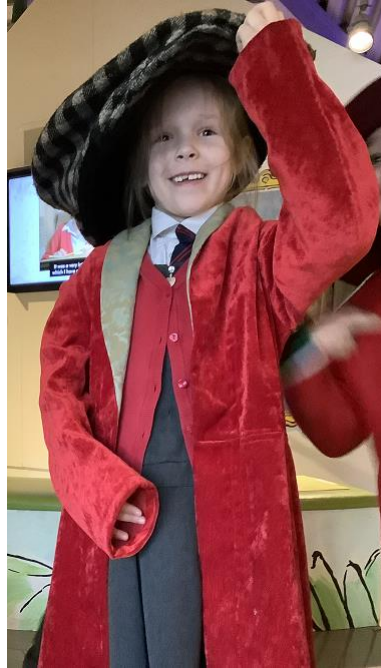
During these wonderful, yet for some, extremely stressful and challenging times, please find links to the NSPCC helplines: [Reporting child abuse and neglect | NSPCC](#) [Dedicated helplines | NSPCC](#)

Year 2 Roald Dahl trip

Year 2 were extremely lucky to be able to visit the Roald Dahl Museum.



We learned about how Roald Dahl collaborated with people when writing his books and where the inspiration for some of his ideas came from.



There were lots of activities, including dressing up as some of the characters from his books. We had a lot of fun thinking about different uses for everyday items, for example, using a scarf as a rope or piece of bamboo as a whistle.



We saw Roald Dahl's writing chair and the library which gave him inspiration for Matilda's character. Did you know that Warner Brothers offered the museum the actual gates from the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory set? However, they were too big, so they made them a special set of new gates.

Salvation Army generosity

We send an **ENORMOUS THANK YOU**, to our friends at the Salvation Army, for their generosity and kindness in helping to support our school community with extra special kindness.



Save the Children

We raised £233.77 in aid of Save the Children for Christmas jumper day. Thank you for your kindness and generosity towards this worthwhile charity.

Behaviour expectations

As we reach the end of this autumn term, we wanted

to thank our children and our parent / carer community for working together in partnership, with instilling a love for lifelong learning, especially with the expectations of behaviour.

Miss McCarry has been leading the children with the expectations of becoming responsible citizens for all of our futures. The children have been looking at what it takes to be 'kind' in all aspects of life and enjoyed the anti-bullying week, with learning to embrace every aspect of childhood and as young people in our complicated world.

Please find the link to our school behaviour expectations: [Ashford Park Primary School - Behaviour for Learning & Exclusions \(ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk\)](https://www.ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk/behaviour-exclusions)

You may notice that we have made additions to the policy, to include 'homophobic behaviour', 'peer on peer abuse', and 'sexual harassment'. Please do not be offended by this vocabulary. The

government has stated that it is essential that young people are taught and are provided with the language to protect themselves from both physical and emotional abuse both now and for their futures:

[Relationships education \(Primary\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/relationships-education)

[Ashford Park Primary School - Relationships Health & Sex Education](https://www.ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk/relationships-health-sex-education)

[\(RSHE\) \(ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk\)](https://www.ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk/rshe)

A big thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff

We would like to thank our fantastic kitchen staff for cooking and dishing up over 520 Christmas dinners for the children last Friday! The staff made this look so easy and the children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas dinner.

Father Christmas virtual visit HO HO HO

We would like to send a big thank you to the PTA for the Father Christmas virtual visits. Each year group had slots so the children could see Father Christmas and receive a gift.

I enjoyed speaking to Santa and being able to ask him questions. Michael, year 2

I asked Santa how he was able to fit down all the chimneys and he said magic! Avaya year 2

I asked how many reindeers he had, and he has nine. Reggie year 2

It was just nice to see Santa. Violet year 2

Considerate car parking and idling cars

Please park considerately in the roads surrounding the school. We have had complaints of parents parking on residents drives! We have also had complaints about parents parking and leaving their cars idling from 2.30pm onwards. Please do not do

this – it pollutes the air for our school community.

Achievement

MAC – Making Attendance Count
Whole School Attendance 94.1%

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Deer Class with 95.9%.

Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Kestrel Class with 99.3%. Fantastic!

Certificates

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

Arun S, Aiza C, Glenda G, Catherine B, Maxwell A, Ethan M, Joshua S, Lily S, Ethan M, James W, Poppy C, Jayhan N, Liliana P, Kaiden P-G, Lilly P, Mary H, Theo S, Alex R, George T, Dean K, Sara G, Ellie D, Dolcie H, Zuriel A, Tanishi N and Ted W.



INSET Days 2021/22

1st July 2022

4th July 2022

December

17th - Children break up at 2.00pm

January

4th – Children return to school