

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter
7th January 2022
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



Spring term 2022

Welcome back to the spring term at Ashford Park. It has been lovely to welcome your children back to school and we are truly looking forward to providing interesting and engaging learning experiences for each and every child for the remainder of this academic year.

We have updated our 'Covid Contingency plan', to meet the possible increased risks at APPS, and this is attached for your information.

Safeguarding Hotspot

As we welcome our children back to school for the spring term, please be reminded that we have staff members who are specifically trained and nominated as our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL). At APPS our DSLs are:

Mrs Sarah Tarrant - Lead DSL and Head teacher.

Mrs Lucy Allen - Deputy DSL, Deputy Head teacher and LKS2 Phase leader.

Mrs Mel Wootton - Deputy DSL and Assistant Head teacher.

Mrs Lynsey Makepeace - Deputy DSL, Assistant Head teacher (Tuesday -Thursday) and Inclusion lead.

Miss Lisa Hannick - Deputy DSL and UKS2 Phase leader.

Miss Lindsay Martin - Deputy DSL and Acorn Centre Manager.

Mrs Pauline Bartlett - Deputy DSL, Behaviour and Pastoral lead.

Mrs Sam Girvan - Deputy DSL and Home School Link Worker

School website: [Ashford Park Primary School - SAFEGUARDING Procedures & School Policies \(ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk\)](http://Ashford Park Primary School - SAFEGUARDING Procedures & School Policies (ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk))



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New Year learning at APPS!

Already this week, year 5 have had the opportunity to visit Hampton Court to enrich their learning about life in Tudor times, as they became immersed in their ILP, 'Off with her head!'

Year 5 Hampton Court trip



'On Wednesday, year 5 started this half term's ILP, 'Off with Her Head', in VIP style.'



'We had the whole of Hampton Court Palace to ourselves! We were able to learn about the Tudors like no other school has been able to do before.'



We delved into some gritty Tudor history and found out how food was grown, cooked and served during this time while

partaking in a workshop. It was a truly unique and unforgettable day.'

Is your child starting school in September 2022?

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, you will need to apply for a school place between 1st November 2021 and 5th January 2022.

The quickest and easiest way to apply for a school place is online. Visit surreycc.gov.uk/admissions to access the application form and more information on the application process and admission arrangements for Surrey schools.

You can start your online application any time from 1st November 2021 **but you must have completed it by 15th January 2022.**

Our final Parent Tour takes place on Wednesday 12th January at 4.00pm. Please call the office to book.

Goodbye and thank you

At the end of the autumn term, we said a fond farewell to some truly skilled members of staff who shall be greatly missed.

Mrs Sarah Jones was actually a pupil at

Ashford Park, before completing her teaching degree and then returning to teach as part of our great staff at APPS!

Miss Lucie Bourne has been a greatly valued member of our Acorn Centre teaching team and also a former parent at APPS. We wish Miss Bourne a fulfilling future.

Mrs Anja Abaraou, also a parent at APPS, has decided to take some time out for her health and wellbeing. Anja will be missed for her positivity and commitment as an LSA at Ashford Park.

Hello and welcome

We are truly delighted to welcome to our teaching and learning team, Miss Ceri Roberts, the class teacher for Dormouse Class and Miss Reshelle Buenafe, the class teacher for Otter Class. Both Miss Roberts and Miss Buenafe have met their classes over several days and are excited to join our team. Miss Sammons, Miss Dawkins and Miss Whyte are also joining our team as Learning Support Assistants.

For this half term, Mrs Kerrie Maxfield, will be deployed to teach between Reception and Year one, with a specific focus on teaching

phonics through 'Little Wandle'. Please find a link to our school website to explain our method of teaching phonics at APPS: [Little Wandle Phonics](#). Mrs Maxfield will also be supporting and teaching throughout the school covering for absent staff during these continuing Covid times.

Naming of clothing

Please remember to name all items of clothing e.g. coats and cardigans / jumpers. Please check the lost property box if your child has lost any items of clothing.

WOW! Living Streets



Congratulations to Rabbit Class for being top of the leader board for the Living Streets WOW Travel Tracker. You earned the most badges in Ashford

Park Primary School during December. Come on children let's try and beat them by walking, scooting, cycling or park & striding to school.

Surrey County Council Free Family Learning Courses

Spaces are still available on Free Family Learning parenting courses starting this week and next. Visit the website to enrol on Understanding Children's Behaviour, Explore Behaviour Strategies or Helping Your Child Manage Anxiety courses. [Family Learning for parents and carers - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/family-learning)

They have English as an additional language courses with spaces starting this week and next. These courses are specifically to help parents support their children at school, whilst improving their own English skills. Parents and carers can enrol here. [ontrack: prospect - Course List \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/ontrack-prospect-course)

Achievement

MAC - Making Attendance Count

PLEASE be advised that the attendance coding

criteria has now changed. If your child is now absent from school with Covid symptoms their attendance will now be coded as 'I' and no longer 'X'. This means that absence for Covid will now be registered as 'III'.

Whole School Attendance 93.9%

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners for the last school week of December being Deer Class with 95.5%.

Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Kestrel Class with 97.4%. Fantastic!



INSET Days 2021/22

1st July 2022

4th July 2022

January

10th – Swimming starts for Skylark Class

11th – Swimming starts for Woodpecker Class

12th – New to EYFS Parent Tours at 4.00pm

12th – Inclusion / Attendance Officer school visits

13th – Swimming starts for Heron Class

24th – Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle

26th – Year 6 trip to the Lincolnsfield Centre

February

2nd – Stubbington Residential Trip Information Evening for year 4 parents, at 3.30pm & 5.30pm in the hall or [online](#)

8th & 9th – Parent Consultation Evenings in person / by phone

11th – Children break up at usual time

14th – 18th Half term

28th – 2nd March, Year 4 Stubbington residential trip

March

16th – Inclusion / Attendance Officer school visits

23rd – Year 6 SATs Information Evening 3.30pm & 5.30pm, in classroom or [online](#)

April

1st – Children break up at 2.00pm

4th -14th Easter holidays

15th & 18th – Bank holidays

19th – Children return to school

19th – Swimming starts for Owl Class

21st – Swimming starts for Kingfisher Class

25th – Year 3 Earthquakes & Volcanoes workshop

28th – Year 1 Dinosaur workshop (surprise for children, please keep secret!)

May

2nd – May Day Bank Holiday