

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter
9th September 2022
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



Queen Elizabeth II



It is with great sadness that we enter a period of mourning after the death of our Queen yesterday. Elizabeth II has been Queen of the United Kingdom from 6 February 1952. Her reign of 70 years and 214 days was the longest of any British monarch and the second longest recorded of any monarch of a sovereign country. Our Queen was hardworking and committed to serving our country throughout her reign. Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this sad time.



Welcome back to this extremely soggy first week of the Autumn term 2022.

We were delighted to be greeted by your incredible children who returned with smiles and laughter this week.

Thank you also for your kind wishes and generous comments on the gate, *'My children just love coming to school, so different to me, I couldn't stand it!'*

'He was desperate to come back to meet his friends and his teachers!'

Safeguarding hotspot

During INSET, all staff received their statutory annual Safeguarding training, on the updates from 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', September 2022. This training was also attended by a number of our staff governors, as we all have a collective responsibility to child protection and safeguarding each and every child.

We also received update training on GDPR and Fire safety, along with insightful update training on Autism, run by colleagues from the Freemantles Outreach Service.

Mrs Hazel Tiller

This week, we said an extremely sad farewell to our colleague Mrs Hazel Tiller, who tragically passed away over the summer holidays. Mrs Tiller became involved with APPS as a parent many years ago, then joined our school, as a respected and talented support staff member in 1995. We send our heartfelt sympathies to Hazel's family and friends.



Ashford power cut

We are extremely grateful to our friends from the Ashford TESCO store, for helping us with buying lunch for over 400 children, when our area lost electricity just before lunch was scheduled! We also send our thanks to our colleagues and governors who raced to make an awful lot of cheese rolls to distribute to our very patient children!



Reading Spelling and more.....

Books, Homework and more.....
Firstly, a huge well done to all the children who have taken part in the Surrey Libraries Summer Reading Challenge. Please recommend any books you have enjoyed to your peers and your teachers, it is always wonderful to discover new authors.

Secondly, reading books and spelling homework will start coming home w/c 19th September. This enables the teaching staff to assess starting points before allocating books and spelling lists. Please continue to enjoy sharing books with your child, discussing what you have read and asking questions.

Thank you for your understanding and happy reading!

The English Team

1:1 new to Reception meetings

It was a delight to meet with our new Reception parents / carers and of course your children, as

we welcome you to our great school on the start of your seven year learning journey with us!

Please be reminded that:

Summer born children start on: **Tuesday 13/09/22**

Spring born children start on: **Wednesday 14/09/22**

Autumn born children start on: **Thursday 15/09/22**

Achievement

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Whole School Attendance 93.3%



INSET Days 2022/23

3rd January 2023

20th February 2023

3rd July 2023

September

13th – New to EYFS summer born children start

14th – New to EYFS Spring born children start

15th – New to EYFS autumn born children start

15th – Swimming starts for Skylark Class

19th – Year 6 Junior Citizen trip

29th – EYFS & Year 1 Phonics Early Reading

Workshop for parents at 3.30pm

October

6th Harvest service in school, children only

6th – Year 6 Residential Trip Provisional Parent Meeting for June 2023 in the hall at 5.00pm

7th – Year 1 & 2 Share Our Learning, parents to enter via Queens Walk entrance at 2.45pm

11th – New to EYFS Parent Tours 9.30-10.30am

19th & 20th – Parent Consultations in classrooms

20th – Year 1 Brooklands Museum trip

21st – Last day of half term, children finish at normal time 3.15pm

24th – 28th Half term

31st – Children return to school

November

3rd – Individual photographs

6th – PTA Fireworks Display

8th – Year 4 Egyptian workshop

10th – New to EYFS Parent Tours 6.00-7.00pm

14th – Odd Socks Day

17th – Year 2 & Year 6 SATs Information Evening in classrooms, 3.30 and 5.30pm

24th & 25th Rec – Year 6 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

24th – Year 4 Stubbington residential trip (March 2023) provisional booking and parent meeting at 5.30pm in the hall

29th – Year 6 Lincolnsfield Centre trip