

Dear families,

A warm welcome back to everyone and our new Reception families.

I am very pleased to inform you of our incredible curriculum provision and all the exciting things taking place this year! There is a slight delay with the building works, even though quite a few surveys took place throughout the summer. The reasons for the delay are explained on the last page, by the Department for Education (DfE), who are responsible for the works at APSOL.

This is what we are all excited about and hopefully, you will share the same enthusiasm!

Curriculum enrichment for all year groups:

- **Forest schools:** Reception and Year 1 will be having forest school sessions which focus on outdoor learning and play. Our forest schools provider is now local, Forest Freedom, which means we will not need to be travelling by coach. The forest schools provider we will be using is already known to the school and is within walking distance. Reception will have their first session next week and year 1 the week after, alternating from then on.

<https://forestfreedom.co.uk/>



- **Swimming:** Year 2 will commence their swimming programme on Thursday 22nd September and have swimming every Thursday at Putney Leisure Centre. The children will be travelling by bus. They will be accompanied by school staff and volunteers and have 3 swimming instructors so that swimming tuition can be personalised to their ability.
- **Music Lessons:** Music lessons will be every Tuesday for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Our new music teacher from the Wandsworth Music Service is Ms Grace.

- **Sports lessons with a Fitness for Schools Specialist:**

All year groups, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, will be having a PE lesson with a Sports specialist, Mr Regan every Tuesday.

- **Lunch time play times:**

Whilst we are awaiting the start of the building works, we are going to have a Sports Play Coach from Fitness for Schools to provide additional physical activities for children during lunchtimes. The children will have independent choice on which activities they access as playtimes also support their creativity and imaginative development.

We are incredibly excited about all of this provision and I am sure, that you as parents are too.

- School behaviour code, calm school code, House System information and house points have all been communicated in the summer term via newsletters. New parents, please refer to the following link in order to access information about this. <https://angloportugueseschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Apsol-Behaviour-Policy-2022.pdf>
- Pay 360 – all parents should now be signed up to Pay 360. Payments and bookings for Breakfast club, After school club, uniform and trips need to be made on there. Please report issues to: info@angloportugueseschool.org stating your child’s name and class. The team who work on this are remote and therefore need this information.
- Ms Andreia (Reception TA) and Ms Ironдина (club leader) will be running before/after school club together from Thursday 8th September therefore parents can now collect children at any time between 4:00 and 6:00pm. Drop off for breakfast club is at 7:30am at the school office. Collection from After school club is from the school office – please dial 0203 417 0905 on arrival so that the staff can bring your child downstairs. Thank you for your patience with this.

The below are weekly timetables containing specific routines relating to your child’s class. Please ensure you refer to this weekly so that your child does not miss any aspect of their learning.

Ms Marta, Principal

Reception Class – Portugal	Class teacher: Ms Dina Teaching Assistant: Ms Andreia Portuguese Teacher: Ms Alexandra Music Teacher: Ms Grace Sports Coach: Mr Regan SENCo: Ms Anna Chalcraft
Monday	Wear full school uniform to school – blazer must be worn
Tuesday	Wear full school uniform to school – blazer must be worn Bring indoor PE kit to school in Kit bag: T-shirt, black shorts and trainers
Wednesday	Wear full school uniform to school – blazer must be worn Homework will need to be returned on Wednesdays.
Thursday	Wear full school uniform to school – blazer must be worn
Friday	Wear outdoor PE kit to school PE jumper, jogging bottoms and trainers. Children will be having forest schools or PE On the following days, your child will need to bring a pair of <u>wellington boots in a plastic bag</u> , as they will be going to Forest School Autumn terms: 16/9, 30/9, 14/10, 4/11, 18/11, 30/11, 9/12 Homework will be sent on Fridays from week 4.
Reading folder	Your child needs to bring their reading folder in every day so we can change when they are ready. W/c 12/9/22

Year 1 Class - Guinea Bissau	Class teacher: Ms Tazi Teaching Assistant: Ms Vanessa Portuguese Teacher: Ms Alexandra Music Teacher: Ms Grace Sports Coach: Mr Regan SENCo: Ms Anna Chalcraft
Monday	Wear full school uniform to school – blazer must be worn Homework returned to school on Mondays.
Tuesday	Wear full school uniform to school – blazer must be worn Bring indoor PE kit to school in Kit bag: T-shirt, black shorts and trainers
Wednesday	Wear full school uniform to school – blazer must be worn
Thursday	Wear full school uniform to school – blazer must be worn Homework sent home on Thursdays.
Friday	Wear outdoor PE kit to school PE jumper, jogging bottoms and trainers. Children will be having forest schools or PE On the following days, your child will need to bring a pair of wellington boots in a plastic bag, as they will be going to Forest School Autumn terms: 23/9, 7/10, 20/10, 11/11, 25/11, 2/12, 9/12
Reading folder	Your child needs to bring their reading folder in every day so we can change when they are ready. W/c 5/9/22

Year 2 Class - Cape Verde	Class teacher: Ms Lucy Teaching Assistant: Ms Jessica Portuguese Teacher: Ms Alexandra Music Teacher: Ms Grace Sports Coach: Mr Regan SENCo: Ms Anna Chalcraft
Monday	Wear full school uniform to school – blazer must be worn
Tuesday	Wear full school uniform to school – blazer must be worn Bring indoor PE kit to school in Kit bag: T-shirt, black shorts and trainers Homework returned to school on Tuesdays.
Wednesday	Wear full school uniform to school – blazer must be worn
Thursday	Wear outdoor PE kit to school (PE jumper, jogging bottoms and trainers). <i>Swimming costume will need to be brought in school PE kit bag, a towel, goggles and a swimming cap.</i> <i>*children will not be allowed to swim without this equipment.</i> Weekly spelling test on Thursdays.
Friday	Wear full school uniform to school – blazer must be worn Homework sent home on Fridays.
Reading folder	Your child needs to bring their reading folder in every day so we can change when they are ready. W/c 5/9/22

Update from the DfE Capital Projects Management Team, responsible for all the building works at APSOL, August 2022:

APSoL Permanent School Update - August 2022

Further to the last update in July, the DfE continues to work with the appointed contractor to finalise the detailed design of the scheme for the full refurbishment of the building for the permanent school. We anticipate that this work will conclude by the end of September.

However, the potential risk highlighted in the last update, that the start of works on site may be held-up because of a delay to receipt of planning consent from Wandsworth Council has materialised.

We are still waiting for a determination of the planning application - six weeks after the due date. The contractor has addressed all the queries raised by the council and we are pressing the Council for the decision to be made as soon as possible.

All the works to provide the accommodation required for September 2022 are complete. Depending on when the planning decision is received and whether there is any application for a judicial review, we now anticipate works will start on site by early December and be completed by July 2023.

The DfE will continue to press Wandsworth Council for the urgent determination of the planning application. We will also review the other risks with the Trust on a regular basis. We will provide a further update in December on the revised programme for completion of the works.

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