



# ARK ATWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER

### 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017

#### HAVE COURAGE AND BE KIND

#### DIARY DATES SPRING TERM FIRST HALF

### January

**6<sup>th</sup>**

Spring 1 timetables and curriculum newsletters on website  
11.00-12.00 Year R height and weight checks  
Alice in Wonderland (Holland Park Opera) performing to Year 4 pupils

**10<sup>th</sup>**

Year 5 Greece start at Rhythm Studio

**11<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 Open morning for prospective parents  
16:00 After school music tuition begins – Violin, Recorder, Clarinet

**12<sup>th</sup>**

10.15 France Class Maida Vale Library

**13<sup>th</sup>**

13:00 – 15:00 Triple P Parenting Course week 1 in WAES

**16<sup>th</sup>**

AM Year 4 Wide Horizons outreach  
10.15 Mexico Class Maida Vale Library

**17<sup>th</sup>**

AM Year 4 Wide Horizons outreach  
Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm  
10.00-14.00 Year 5 Sports hall athletics (15 boys & 15 girls)

**20<sup>th</sup>**

13:00 – 15:00 Triple P Parenting Course week 2 in WAES

**21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday)**

Ignite Choir rehearsal

**23<sup>rd</sup>**

AM Year 3 Wide Horizons outreach  
8.45 Bikeability Assembly for Years 2-5 Children only (Hall)  
Year 5 Romeo & Juliet Workshop (Hall - 9.30 until 11.00)  
Year 1 trip to Monument

**24<sup>th</sup>**

AM Year 3 Wide Horizons outreach  
10.00-14.00 Year 3/4 Sports hall athletics (15 boys & 15 girls)

**25<sup>th</sup>**

8.45 Presentation to Year 5 Parents from Dr Rana (Principal at Westminster Academy)

**26<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 India Class Maida Vale Library  
19:00 Parent Council meet (invited attendees)

**27<sup>th</sup>**

13:00 – 15:00 Triple P Parenting Course in WAES

**30<sup>th</sup>**

AM Year 5 Wide Horizons outreach  
9am KSI Parents maths workshop - Calculation  
10.05 Barbados Class Maida Vale Library

**31<sup>st</sup>**

AM Year 5 Wide Horizons outreach  
10.00-14.00 Year 5 Boys football tournament @ Paddington Rec (7 boys)

### February

**1<sup>st</sup>**

16.30 Governing body

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

8.45 Year 3 Belgium Class assembly

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

8.45 Parent Forum meet (Studio)  
13:00 – 15:00 Triple P Parenting Course in WAES

**6<sup>th</sup>**

9am KS2 Parents maths workshop - Calculation  
Year 5 Romeo & Juliet Workshop  
16.15-18.30 Parents' evening

**9<sup>th</sup>**

One Voice: Sing into spring (Details for the choir TBC)  
8.45 Year 3 Norway Class assembly  
11.00 China Class Maida Vale Library  
16.15-19.30 Parents' evening

**10<sup>th</sup> Close for half term – 16:00**  
**(Salsa Club and P3 still available)**

**10<sup>th</sup>**

13:00 – 15:00 Triple P Parenting Course in WAES  
**16:00 Close for half-term.**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 8.30 Spring 2 starts for pupils**



Thanks to everyone who attended the Parents' Forum meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Below is a brief summary of our discussion:

### School Endowment Fund

A parent asked whether it would be possible to establish a school endowment fund or a channel through which donations could be received. This would be separate from the Friends of Atwood and could be used for the extension of services to students. It was agreed that this was a good idea and the school will discuss with the ARK finance team in January.

### Languages at school

A parent asked whether Spanish was to continue as the taught language at Atwood. Yes, it will. Spanish is taught from Y3 onwards with the additional provision of Spanish and French clubs as after school activities.

### Sports Club.

A parent asked whether we could increase the provision of sports clubs at Atwood. Whilst the school has ongoing issues with the pitch it is difficult to do so although hopefully this will change. The possibility of providing swimming lessons to Y6 was discussed. A parent suggested the Harbour Club close to school as a possible venue. School will look into it.

### Roof Garden

Patti gave an update on the roof garden which is being planned. The garden will be in memory of Maya Alian and funds have already begun to be raised. Patti will be putting together a working group in January and all parents are welcome to get involved.

### Food

A parent mentioned that the food at Atwood has become quite repetitive recently with some odd combinations being offered as well as a reliance on quorn-based products for vegetarians. The school will look into this and also put it to the children on the School Council.

### Parking

Parking continues to be an issue. After consultation with Westminster Council the school is not eligible for any extra traffic enforcement. A letter will be sent out in the first newsletter in January reminding parents not to drive down Amberley Road and asking them to make a pledge not to do so.

### Parent Council

The Parent Council will meet for the first time in January. The 15<sup>th</sup> person on the register in each form will be invited to take part. The aim is that the Parent Council will take on issues from the Parents' Forum and work on these – e.g. school reading policy, homework policy.

### Fundraising

A parent wanted to know why we the children were being sent home with marketing material for another app. The question was raised about how decisions about this kind of fundraising are made & whether this is something the school would like to continue with. It was decided that further marketing of this nature will not be sent home.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 8.45am

## Roof Garden news

Ark Atwood needs your votes - Tesco bags for help

The Ark Atwood Roof Garden application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme has been successful and our project has been put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores between **2nd -28th January**.

If you happen to be shopping in any of the local Tesco stores in Westminster, please remember to cast a vote for the Ark Atwood Roof Garden project. We are up against two other projects, the highest number of votes across the region will receive £5,000, the second placed project £2,000 and the third placed project £1,000.

We need your votes, please tell all your relatives, neighbours and friends to vote for our roof garden project. Thank you for your help.

Here is a list of participating stores.

SOUTH QUEENSWAY W2 6LS  
WHARF PADTN EXP W2 1JX  
BAYSWATER EXPRESS W2 3RL  
BAKER STREET EXPRESS W1U 6TP  
MARYLEBONE EXPRESS W1U 4SA  
CLIFTON RD M VALE EXP W9 1SY  
MAIDA VALE EXPRESS W9 1UP  
EUSTON ROAD EXPRESS NW1 3AU  
50 CURZON STREET EXP W1J 7UP  
MONCK ST VICTORIA EXP SW1P 2BW  
ST JOHNS WOOD EXPRESS NW8 6PG  
125 THE STRAND EXP WC2R 0AP  
FLEET STREET LDN EXP WC2R 1DA  
WESTMINSTER BRDGE EXP SW1A 2JR  
GEORGE ST LON EXP W1U 8NN  
PIMLICO EXP SW1V 3EN  
LISSON GROVE EXPRESS NW1 6TU  
TRAFALGAR SQUARE EXP SW1A 2DR  
LONDON NW CAVNDSH EXP W1W 6BE  
COVENT GARDEN METRO WC2E 9EQ  
MELCOMBE ST LON EXP NW1 6AE  
PADDINGTON METRO NW8 8EX  
VICTORIA METRO SW1V 1RX  
REGENT STREET METRO SW1Y 4LR  
DEAN STREET METRO W1D 3RS  
EDGWARE ROAD METRO W2 2EA  
CHELSEA EXPRESS SW10 9UZ  
87 GLOUCESTER RD EXP SW7 4SS  
248 FULHAM ROAD EXP SW10 9NA  
82 HOLLAND PARK EXP W11 3RB  
ROYAL HOSPITAL RD EXP SW3 4HN  
OLD BROMPTON RD EXP SW7 3DY  
279 KINGS ROAD EXP SW3 5EP  
NORTH KENSINGTON EXP W10 6QH  
LADBROKE GROVE EXP W10 6HH  
PORTOBELLO ROAD METRO W11 1LJ  
NOTTING HILL GATE MET W11 3QE  
KENSINGTON W14 8PB  
KENSINGTON METRO W8 6SU  
HOLBORN VIADUCT EXP EC1A 2AT  
LONDON SMITHFIELD EXP EC1A 9LA  
LONDON BLACKFRIAR EXP EC4Y 0AA

## Note from Miss Baxter

The curriculum newsletters and updated timetables for the spring term are available on the website from Monday.

There will be notifications on homework and notes from teachers to parents available outside classrooms for you to see when you collect your child



## Triple P Group Course



Enter venue details here:

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### IS THIS YOUR FAMILY?

You want to create the happiest home life you can. You may have a few concerns about your child's behaviour - perhaps there's disobedience or you simply want to find out how to set up better routines for mealtimes or bedtimes. Whatever it is, you're interested in learning more about positive parenting and how you can apply it to your family.

Triple P (Positive Parenting Programme) is an approach to raising children that aims to promote children's development and manage children's behaviour in a constructive and non-hurtful way. It is based on the use of good communication and positive attention to help children develop.

This six-week Triple P course will enable you to learn more about positive parenting and how you can apply it to your family. If you're ready for a more in-depth look at parenting strategies that really work, then this course is for you.

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This is a very worthwhile course – it will be held in a room at **WAES** on Fridays for 6 weeks starting 13<sup>th</sup> January. Attendance is free; please speak to Miss Rees if you are interested or would like to know more.