

# ARK Atwood Primary Academy Newsletter 23 June 2017

Value of the week: **Perseverance**



**Achieving Success**

26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1, 3,4,5 in school assessment week YR Wider Horizons Forest School (am/pm sessions) Y5 Wider Horizons outreach DUCKLINGS in YR this week.
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Wider Horizons outreach
28 <sup>th</sup> June	15:00 Hall - Music Showcase ASPIRE, One Voice/Ignite singers/ Small group instrumentalists
29 <sup>th</sup> June	8.45 Year R India Class Assembly 10.00-13.00 QPR Multi Sports Festival @ Capital City Academy (6 x Year 3/4 Pupils) 11.00 Brazil Class visits Maida Vale Library 15:00 Y2 Bake-Off judging- Studio 19.00 Friends of Atwood Quiz Night
30 <sup>th</sup> June	PM Ark Schools Music Gala – Barbican (ticketed event)
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	SRE Week (Years R-4) Year 5 Pathways Week Year R Forest Schools (One class AM/one class PM) Last Year 1 swimming of term
4 <sup>th</sup> July	9:15 – 12 Y5 secondary experience day Westminster Academy 15:45, Y1, 16:00 YR; 16.15, Y2 French Club Performance Room 202
6 <sup>th</sup> July	8.45 Year 1 France Class Assembly 10.00 Ghana Class @ MV Library 10.30-15.30 Ark MFL Olympics (8x Year 5

<b>7th July</b>	<b>No school – Network Inset Day</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Residential YR Induction afternoon
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Residential second day 16:15 Y3,4,5 French Club Performance Room 202
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Sports day am/pm at Amberley Pitch 16:15 – 19:30 – Parents evening PM KS2 Street Dance performances
13 <sup>th</sup> July	School Sports Day – Paddington Rec
14 <sup>th</sup> July	CLUBS FINISH YR Trip to Odds Farm 8:45 Parents forum
17 <sup>th</sup> July	YR Forest Schools (am/pm) 17:00 – 19:00 Maya Fundraising event @ Paddington Rec
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 World Para Athletics Championships @ Olympic Park
19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year School Celebration Event
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 Visit Houses of Parliament Fundraising challenge @ Paddington Rec
21 <sup>st</sup> July	9am YR Graduation.
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>14:00 Close for Summer</b>

## Staffing News

It is with sadness that I write to inform you that our Deputy Headteacher, Sam Baxter, will be leaving Atwood at the end of the summer term.

Before the end of term we will ensure that there is the opportunity to thank Sam for her contribution to Atwood. I am sure you will agree that the children have been incredibly lucky to have been taught by her. Sam is a great Deputy Headteacher who possesses warmth, patience and skill and children and staff at Atwood have thrived under her teaching and leadership.

We are very sorry to see her go (and she is very sad to be leaving us) and we wish her every success in the future. Sam has been appointed as Headteacher of Elstow Primary Academy in Bedfordshire (close to where she lives). Sam will make an outstanding Headteacher and Elstow is incredibly lucky to be gaining a Head so full of dedication, determination and knowledge.

Staff changes are an inevitable part of school-life as we develop our team for promotion and future success. As always we will do everything to ensure consistency is maintained. I will inform you of our plans for a new leadership structure in due course.

It has been a privilege to work with Sam at Atwood and we will miss her greatly. However, the developments she has made happen will be continued as she has shared so much with us. She has been instrumental in making Atwood the school it is today: successful, happy, creative, inspiring and always moving forward.

## Blazers for Children moving into Year 5

As you will most likely know, blazers are part of our Upper Key Stage 2 uniform and the school purchases a blazer for every child moving into Year 5. Last year quite a few blazers were ordered in the incorrect sizes. To ensure your child receives a blazer that fits them now (and will hopefully do so for the next couple of years) we are asking that you visit the uniform shop before the end of the academic year. Your child will be measured and their blazer ordered. Once the blazer has arrived you will be invited to collect it from the shop before the end of the summer break. The Atwood uniform shop is located in Urban Apparel, 373 Harrow Road, W9 3NA. Su has a list of all pupils currently in Year 4 – she'll ask for your child's name and no charge will be made.

## Eid al-Fitr

If you are celebrating, we wish you a very happy Eid. If your child is going to be absent on **Monday** for religious observance please be sure to inform the school office. Thank you.



## Kids' esports club! Sign up for free

Where: Maida Vale Library

When: 4-6pm Tuesdays

Age: 10 to 13

Running from 20th June to 11th July

No experience needed



Parents welcome

To save your place email [maidavalelibrary@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:maidavalelibrary@westminster.gov.uk) or call 020 7641 6200 (ask for Maida Vale Library) or visit the library in person to make a booking

## Sex and Relationships Education

During the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> July we will be teaching our annual programme of Sex and Relationships (SRE) lessons. Year 5 received their lessons earlier in the year so this programme is for years R-4. Our policy on SRE can be found on our school website under the policies tab.

At Atwood we use the programme *Teaching SRE with Confidence in Primary Schools*. Developed extensively with primary schools, the resource provides tried and tested, well-structured lesson plans and accompanying materials.

If you would like a copy of the lesson plans that are used please email Maria or Shirley in the school office (please remember to state the year group you require) or alternatively call in for paper copies if you don't have access to email. Our preferred way of distribution is email if possible for efficiency and saving resources.

### Sex and Relationships Education Curriculum Overview

<b>Year R Our Lives</b>	Lesson 1: Our Day
	Lesson 2: Keeping Ourselves Clean
	Lesson 3: Families
<b>Year 1 Growing and Caring for Ourselves</b>	Lesson 1: Keeping Clean
	Lesson 2: Growing and Changing
	Lesson 3: Families and Care
<b>Year 2 Differences</b>	Lesson 1: Differences: Boys and Girls
	Lesson 2: Differences: Male and Female
	Lesson 3: Naming the Body Parts
<b>Year 3 Valuing Difference and Keeping Safe</b>	Lesson 1: Differences: male and Female
	Lesson 2: Personal Space
	Lesson 3: Family Differences
<b>Year 4 Growing Up</b>	Lesson 1: Growing and Changing
	Lesson 2: What is Puberty?
	Lesson 3: Puberty Changes and Reproduction*

\* In Year 4 pupils learn that humans can reproduce. They learn that females produce eggs and males produce sperm. At this stage, pupils are not taught about the process of sexual reproduction. This will be covered as part of the Year 6 curriculum.

Please note that in our sex and relationships education programme no DVDs are watched up to and including Year 4. These form part of the teaching sequence in Years 5 and 6.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the leadership team or your child's class teacher.

## Parent Forum minutes

Thanks to those who attended the Parent Forum on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and apologies for the delay in these minutes. As there were not that many people present we weren't able to have a full meeting but agenda points were discussed with the Senior Leadership Team and feedback is provided below:

### Portion Size of School Meals:

A parent had queried the size of the school meal portions as she felt that they were not large enough. This is regularly monitored and it was generally the portions were the right size.

### Washing of Snack Time Fruit and Vegetables

A parent asked whether snack time fruit and vegetables is washed before being given to the children. It isn't as it would be very difficult to do for so many children. Children can always wash the fruit in the drinking water fountain if they would like to.

### Coding Club

A parent asked if coding club is coming back. Yes but in the future. It may be necessary to employ an external person to run this.

### Blazers

A parent asked whether it is necessary for blazers to be worn in the summer term. No.

### P.E./ Sports

Parents asked about PE provision at Atwood and whether The Daily Mile is being continued. It isn't at the moment as access to the pitch has once again been restricted. It was agreed that PE & sports provision would be further discussed at the Parent Council meeting.

### Parking

A parent asked for an update on the parking pledge and banner and the possibility of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). We are currently waiting for Westminster Council to provide School signs at the top of the road. It was agreed that we would try and set up a small working group to deal with parking as this is a very time-consuming issue for the school.

### Roof Garden

Patti provided an update on the roof garden. There will be a structural engineer coming to view the site in the next couple of weeks. The architect is in touch with Westminster Council and whether we need planning permission or not an October opening is looking hopeful.

Children have been invited to come up with designs for the garden which they can submit to the office.

In other gardening news – reception have planted beans, peas, lettuce and spinach seeds and Nursery are getting raspberry hanging baskets as well as planting vegetables and herb seedlings.

### Curriculum Maps

Curriculum maps for Y1-5 plus offers for IT, PE, music, art, history & geography are now up on the website where they will be regularly updated. They can be found under the curriculum tab. Ark Schools run a series of extra-curricular music groups which accept some students from Primary Academies; Atwood has a few Y5 students in Ignite Choir and a group in school attend One Voice Choir at present. For Ark Schools groups there are acceptance criteria and the school submits applications. If you wish to know more, please speak to Miss Milne.

**The last meeting will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 8.45am and will be an end of year review. Please do come along!**

### Parent Council

The Parent Council has met twice since the last Parent Forum minutes. Points discussed have included.

1. Packed lunches. It was explained to the Parent Council that from September children from Y3 upwards will be able to decide between school meals and packed lunch. This will be a decision they will have to make on a termly basis.
2. The Council looked at the new school handbook which will be given out to reception parents and amendments were discussed.
3. Friends of Atwood, the upcoming Summer Fair, and increased parental involvement were discussed. It was great to see the Fair such a success with so many new parents involved.
4. The council discussed P.E. at Atwood and how the need for greater space at the school could be addressed. Although various options are being considered it is continuous use of the pitch that would make the most difference. However, whilst parents continue to park and drive down Amberley Road the Residents' Association will not allow this. School to ask the RA that if the school could guarantee no driving down Amberley Road whether the pitch could be renegotiated.
5. In the light of funding cuts which will come into play within the next two years, the Council discussed which parts of school life are important and they would like to see maintained.

Date of next council meeting TBC.

## Ark Atwood Sports Day

Please complete and return to the school office by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle and complete parts 1-3**

### Part 1

I will bring my child to school as normal on Thursday morning

**OR**

I will take my child direct to Paddington Recreation Ground for **9.00am**

### Part 2

I would like to order a school packed lunch for my child

Sandwich choices:

Tuna Mayonnaise \_\_\_\_\_

Cheese \_\_\_\_\_

Plain with butter \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

I will provide my child with a packed lunch from home

### Part 3

I would like my child to return to Atwood at 12.30pm

**OR**

I will take my child home (or stay in the park!) at 12.30pm following the picnic

## Ark Atwood Sports Day

On **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July** we are holding our sports day at **Paddington Recreation Ground**. It promises to be a fun filled morning of sporting activity followed by a family picnic. There will of course be a parent's race so make sure you wear your trainers!

**All children should wear their Atwood PE kit to school on this day and should bring a sunhat, water, sunscreen and a light jacket if rain is forecast.**

We would love parents to join us for the morning and the picnic. You have the option of bringing your child to school as normal or taking them direct to Paddington Recreation Ground for **9.00am**. The picnic will finish at **12.30pm** and your child can either return to school or go home.

**Breakfast club and after school playcentre will be open as normal. However, there will be no after school clubs running on this day**

Please complete the form overleaf to indicate what arrangements you would like and return to the school office by **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Nursery children will be having their own mini sports day at Atwood and do not need to return the form. Their school day will operate with normal timings.

## Paddington Recreation Ground

