



ARK Atwood Primary Academy

Newsletter – 9th September 2018

Achieving Success

Welcome Back... And Thank You From Mr Smith!



A very warm welcome back to school and I hope that you all had a great summer ! And a big thank you from me for making me feel so welcome in my first week as headteacher at Ark Atwood. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you before and after school and if we haven't met as yet, I look forward to doing so.

The start of the year has been extremely impressive; it has been very calm and Atwood's ASPIRE values have been clearly evident, especially the Enthusiasm. The children have started in a super positive way and I have already seen great things happening in the classrooms – I look forward to spending more time in class in the weeks to come.

Coffee Mornings

Year group teams are looking forward to meeting with parents/carers next week to share some information about the year ahead with you. These will take place at 8am in classrooms, as below, and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

- Tuesday 11th 8am – Year 1
- Wednesday 12th 8am – Year 2 and Year 5
- Thursday 13th 8am – Year 3 and Year 6
- Friday 14th 8am – Reception and Year 4

SATs and Secondary Transfer

We will be running an information meeting for Year 6 parents on Thursday 20th September at 8am, to cover everything SATs related and to explain the secondary transfer process – I hope you will be able to join us. In the meantime, lots of information from Westminster about secondary transfer can be accessed via the link below. A SATs presentation for Year 2 parents will follow later in the term.

https://www.westminster.gov.uk/sites/default/files/westminster_secondary_school_hints_and_tips.pdf

Uniform

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that at the start of a new school year all children should be wearing full school uniform.

To quote from our uniform policy "Our school uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school family and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security."

Full details are available on the website, but **please ensure that your child has a tie and black shoes** in particular. As previously, children may wear PE uniform to school on days where they have PE. Trainers for PE should be plain black or white.

Thank you for your support with this – it is hugely appreciated.

Mindful As Ever...

One thing that is very evident at Atwood is the fantastic pastoral support that is available for the children. The children are extremely well supported and their well-being is a high priority for all staff.

A new addition for this year is 'mindful colouring' which Miss Rees is running at lunchtimes. This has provided a lovely calm space amidst the bustle of lunchtimes and I know it is something the children are really enjoying.

