



## Welcome Back

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the second half of the autumn term. As you can see, the signs are up around the school, brightening our walls and reminding children and adults of our values. We're delighted with them!

The second half of the term is incredibly busy and I will continue to keep everyone informed via this letter. Please make sure you have let the school know your email address so we can make sure you get this electronically each week.

Lunch times are happy and smooth with the routines for using trays well established. The playground development is scheduled in the next few months and the children will benefit from that refreshed resource for their playtimes.

Parent's evenings are scheduled for next week, and many of you have signed up. The Nursery will be available as usual for children to play in, while you have your appointment with the class teacher. Please remember the appointments are only ten minutes long, so if you know you would like to talk more in depth about your child's learning, please make an additional appointment for a separate time in the following week, with the teacher.

We are all looking forward to a productive and enjoyable term.  
Best wishes

Samantha Baxter  
Deputy Head teacher

## Curriculum Newsletters & Timetables

Curriculum newsletters and timetables for the Autumn Term 2nd half will be published on the website next week (Curriculum > Timetables). Parents evenings to meet the class teacher, are next week. Please see the diary for your child's class assembly date.

## Diary Dates

### NOVEMBER

9<sup>th</sup> Nov

Swimming France class starts  
**16.15 – 18.30 Parents Evening**

10<sup>th</sup> Nov

8.45 Friends of Atwood Coffee Morning

11<sup>th</sup> Nov

**16.15 – 19.30 France and Ghana Parents Evening**

12<sup>th</sup> Nov

PM – ASPIRE Club trip to see Annie  
**16.15 – 19.30 Parents Evening**

19<sup>th</sup> Nov

9.15 Open Morning for Year R prospective entry 2016

20<sup>th</sup> Nov

9.30 – Midday Maida Vale Library Take Over 6 x Y4

25<sup>th</sup> Nov

16.30 Governing Body Autumn 2 meet

26<sup>th</sup> Nov

9.30 depart Y4 Football Tournament – Westway  
16.15 Y4 Netball vs KSA (at Atwood)

27<sup>th</sup> Nov

**International Day events and timings TBC**

### DECEMBER

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec

11am – 15:00pm Jamaican High Commission Christmas Event (6 pupils)

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec

8.45 Ghana Class assembly

5<sup>th</sup> Dec

Christmas Fair

9<sup>th</sup> Dec

Y3 Trip to the Science Museum  
13.10 Y4 Choir sing at Amberley Estate Christmas Lunch

11<sup>th</sup> Dec

16:00 Y3 Christmas Cake Sale  
9am – 16:00 Reception Trip to the Zoo – Living Nativity

### CLUBS FINISH

14<sup>th</sup> Dec

Christmas Lunch for Children

15<sup>th</sup> Dec

9.15 – Year R Nativity Christmas Show  
14:30 – Year R Nativity Christmas Show

16<sup>th</sup> Dec

Nursery Christmas Performances AM and PM

17<sup>th</sup> Dec

9.15 Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performances  
14.30 Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performances  
18.30 Year 3&4 Carol Concert at St John's Church

18<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Christmas Jumper day

8.45 End of Term assembly  
11am Y1 Trip to the ballet: The Snowman @ Peacock Theatre  
**14:00 Term Ends**

## Library Update

This week after their library visit, your children will be bringing home with them some information and an activity sheet about our wonderful new magazine subscription



Thank you to the two parents who told us about this fantastic new publication. We now have a 12 month subscription available for your children to use during their library times and lunch time visits. The children have been really excited about it.

Please take time to chat to your children about their library selections and to remind them that they need to return them within two weeks or bring them back to be re-issued. We are having many books go missing at the moment, so please check for any books with green dots on the spine as this is how we are making it easier for you to find them at home. If you find any, please have your child return them to the library returns box.

Fiona, Mai, Emma, Shannon, Rita, Paul and Amal, your library team.



## Clubs

A few notices about the clubs in school

Clubs after school provided by the school have a small cost of £10 per term. If you haven't paid for this term, please do so at the office

Clubs finish by 5pm at the latest. Please be on time to collect your child then.

Clubs will resume this half term on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>



What a busy end to the first term of school; and a very successful one, to boot!

Hatwood Day raised £264 and the Y4 Halloween Great Atwood Bake Off raised £311. That's almost £600, well done everyone!

Next up: the Silver Smarties. If your child hasn't managed to quite fill up the empty tube over half-term, not to worry, you have until Monday 9 November to bring it back.

Dates for your Diary this term:

Tuesday 10 November @ 8:40: Friends of ARK Atwood Meeting. Everyone welcome, even if you haven't attended before.

Tuesday 17 November: School Nurse @ Coffee Morning. She will be talking to us about how to handle the various illnesses which always crop up during the winter months, when to call the doctor, when to keep a child home from school, etc.

Thursday 20 November: Atwood International Day. Children may wear traditional dress from their country and parents/carers will share food from around the world. More details to follow

Tuesday 24 November: Educational Psychologist Priya Raju from The Ed Psych practice [www.theedpsych.com](http://www.theedpsych.com) will be joining us to talk about the work they do in helping children before and after they start school. If there is a specific topic you are interested, feel free to get in touch through FofAA

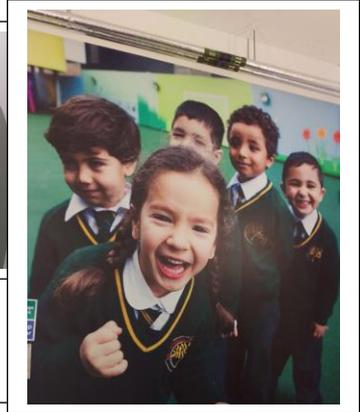
Saturday 5 December (3-6 pm): the Atwood Christmas Market. The market is shaping up to be a great community event, as well as a fab opportunity to buy some lovely presents while having fun, enjoying the delicious food and drinks and of course visiting Santa. All parents, carers and staff are asked to lend a helping hand, however big or small. The class rep for your child's class should be in touch with you soon to get volunteers for the many stalls and activities. All the children will be asked to help as well, whether at stalls during the market or by making decorations at school. More info on this very soon.

Friday 11 December: Great Atwood Bake Off. It's Year 3's turn to turn on the ovens and get festive with the Christmas Theme. Can they beat £311 from Year 4?

## Photograph update

A reminder that all school photographs need to be returned by the 20<sup>th</sup> of November to ensure we receive them back for Christmas  
Thank you

## New School Signs



## Quotes from children.

We had two assemblies for Reception and for Years 1 to 4 where we showed the children our new graphics; they were excited and delighted with the result. Here are some comments about how the children feel.

*'It makes our school feel colourful and lively'*

*'I am impressed and it's inspiring'*

*'It is like a rainbow school'*

*'This school is going to make us learn better'*

*'The new library signs make me want to take books home and read more in the classroom'*

These graphics are the first in a series of planned improvements to the school and we will keep updating you as more works are finished to make our learning environment engaging and exciting for our children.