

ARK Atwood Primary Academy

Newsletter



Achieving Success

Dear Parents,

I can't quite believe we've reached the mid-point of the autumn term already. The last six weeks have whizzed by. Atwood life is as busy as ever with lots going on. All of the staff team have been very impressed by the children's focus on their learning – a great start to the school year.

We close for half-term next Friday at 4.00pm and re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday 31st October. Enjoy this brief 'pause for breath' before the busyness of autumn 2.

At the end of next week we will be saying goodbye to three of our wonderful staff: Jess Griffiths, Emma Lohan and Sophie Cooper. Both Jess and Emma are heading off (separately!) to pursue their music careers so I'm sure we'll hear from or about them in the future. Sophie is returning to Australia after teaching in our Early Years department this half-term. I would like to thank these members of staff for the hard work and commitment they have given to Atwood. The children have benefited immensely from all they have done and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best for a very successful future

In other staffing news I am pleased to inform you that Meryam Rachi is staying at Atwood after half-term. Her role will be changing but I know that children and parents will be very pleased that she is not leaving Team Atwood.

We have some new support staff joining us after the half-term break – details will be in the newsletter the first week back.

With best wishes,

Daniel Upfield, Headteacher

Secondary Admissions – IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Year 6 parents please note that the deadline for secondary admissions is **31st October**. Please visit this page of our website for comprehensive information: <http://arkatwoodprimary.org/admissions/secondary-transfer>. If you require any help please don't hesitate to speak to Mr Upfield or Miss Lester.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evenings (all year groups except Nursery) will be held on the Tuesday and Thursday of the week after half-term. Bookings open via Parent Mail next Monday, 16th October. If you're unable to book via Parent Mail please contact the school office who will book an appointment for you. As per usual we will operate a crèche in our Nursery during appointments.

Due to Parents' evenings please can I remind parents that there are no after school clubs in the week after half-term.

Diary Dates

Diary dates for autumn 2 will be added to the school website in the first week back after half-term. Please remember to check as for simplicity we only publish in one place now.

Attendance

Attendance is picking up! Last week, our attendance rate was **97.4%**

I am sure that your children have told you that at the end of the autumn term, all children with attendance $\geq 96\%$ will be entered into a prize draw for a Micro Scooter!

Our target this year is to reach an attendance rate of $\geq 96\%$. Miss Devonish has created an attendance display in the main entrance and will be replicating this outside the main gate so we can all keep track of how we are doing.

House Points

Aspiration & Achievement	Scholarship	Perseverance	Integrity	Respect & Responsibility	Enthusiasm
267	202	278	285	285	273

This week, House Captains have been meeting to discuss designs for shields. I am hoping that we will have these ready to share within the next few weeks. Children have been very motivated by our renewed focus on house points and team working across the school.

New Roles

Following some excellent applications we have recruited for a number of student roles. I am always so impressed by your children's willingness to put themselves forward with such confidence, humility and regard for others! We received an incredibly high number of applications for the role of prefect and we are delighted to see some Year 5's in this role for the first time!

Class Ambassadors:

India:	Kanon & Edward
Mexico:	Sofia & Jacopeo
France:	Zaid & Jude
Italy:	Laila & Liam
Barbados:	Hayder & Isabella
China:	Poppy & Tomiwa
Belgium:	Rakim & Ines
Norway:	Tyra & Teo
Brazil:	Kabir & Alana P
Ghana:	Maia G & Gabriel A
Greece:	Raimi & India
Spain:	Carolina & Adam R

Prefects:

Muflih	Deja
Marnie	Trinity
Lucca	Tayseer
Finley	Johann

Student Mentors:

Efriyie	Reme
Romy	Marly
Adnan	Mya D
Mohammed E	

Librarians:

Aviv	Tom
Mustafa	Ariadne
Dhwani	



Post-holders can be identified by their badges. Student Mentors are identified by Atwood lanyards.

Friends of Ark Atwood (FofAA)

Thanks to an excellent committee there is lots going on – please take the time to read all of the details below so you don't miss out on anything (Mr Upfield)



1. MacMillan Coffee Morning

WOWZER! It turns out you can have your cake and eat it

😊 Or rather, eat your cake AND raise funds to help people with cancer.

ARK Atwood families raised a whopping £568.98!!!

Well done everyone who baked, bought, brought, sold, ate, stayed to chat, rushed off to work with a piece of cake, donated without buying, set up and cleaned up! A special thank you to Sara, Maria, Fiona & Aurelie

2. WHAT IF RAISING MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL DIDN'T COST YOU ANYTHING? AND DIDN'T TAKE UP YOUR TIME?

Do you shop online? If you sign up on the link below, every time you shop at the biggest retailers (including Amazon, John Lewis, British Airways, Expedia, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's), our school gets cashback, but it doesn't cost you a thing 😊 It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foarkatwoodpa> and join for free.

2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

Now, are you sure you don't need stuff for all those Halloween parties. And Christmas is coming up...

3. Halloween Cake Sale on Friday 20th October: Year 6 parents and carers are kicking it off in spooky style!

4. "Wear a Hood for @Wood" - on Friday 20th October, children can come to school in NON-uniform, wearing their favourite hoodie and donating £1 to their teacher

5. Atwood's Got Green Fingers! Message from Patti, our Gardener-in-Chief

Please come along and join us in the front garden on **Thursday 19th October** after school pick up. We will be tidying up the boxes, planting new spring bulbs and some fruit bushes as well as planning where our fruit trees should go.

6. Atwood Christmas Market: Saturday 2 December 2-5 pm. Do you have a hobby where you create beautiful things and all your friends say: you could sell that! Or do you know someone just like that? Why not get a stall at the Atwood Christmas Market? Get in touch with FofAA on atwoodfriends@gmail.com if you are interested. And of course we are also looking for helpers on the day, especially to run the children's activities.

7. Class Reps: thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to be class reps. We are still missing a few, so if your child is in Barbados, China, Spain or Greece classes, please consider volunteering. Thank you.

8. Next FofAA Meeting (open to ALL parents and carers): Friday 10 November 8:45 am in WAES (top floor of Atwood building). Minutes of the previous meeting are available on the school website <http://arkatwoodprimary.org/life-school/friends-ark-atwood-fofaa>

Halloween Disco is on the 30th October (inset day) from 4-6pm at the Stowe Centre, Harrow road.

This event is sold out so there's no possibility of purchasing tickets at the door. Those of you who have purchased tickets will have their names on a guest list. Please remember to dress up Halloween 😊

For any more information please contact Iman on Iman.sbitri@gmail.com



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WEAR A HOOD FOR @WOOD

NON UNIFORM DAY
FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER

1 HOOD = 1 £ FOR ATWOOD





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and it's
free

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