



# ARK Atwood Primary Academy

## Newsletter

Achieving Success

### Happy New Year!

Welcome back! Your children have made an excellent start to the new term and are already well underway with their learning and new topics. I would like to wish our whole school community a very happy, healthy and successful new year – all the best for 2018!

As the new term begins we welcome the following staff to the Atwood team: Amina El-Haddad to the Nursery team; Amelia Buchanan- Taylor to Year 1 France Class and Paige Mujica-Villarrod to the Year 5 team. In addition, Vitor Rodrigues Gomes will be joining David Venters as our premises assistant on a temporary basis until a permanent member of staff is appointed.

Best regards,

Daniel Upfield  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates

Diary dates for this term can be found on our school website: <http://arkatwoodprimary.org/calendar>. In summary, key dates are included below.

| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| 15  | 16  | 17   | 18   | 19   |
|   |   | 10.00-14.00 Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics (Jubilee Sports Centre) <i>Selected Team</i>                                    | Year 3 Trip to Buster Ancient Farm   | 8.45 Phonics Workshop for Year 1 Parents (Italy Classroom)   |
| 22  | 23  | 24   | 25   | 26   |
|   |   | School Nurse In: Hand Washing Workshops<br><br>Year 3 & 4 Sports Hall Athletics (Jubilee Sports Centre) <i>Selected Team</i> |  | KS2 Class Ambassadors for Spring Term announced in Achievement Assembly                                      |
| 29  | 30  | 31   | 1 February   | 2  |
| Year 5 & 6 Boys' Football (Paddington Rec) <i>Selected Team</i> |   | Young Voices Choir at the O2   |  | Sports for Schools Event (Details to follow)<br><br>Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>10.00-15.00 Ignite Rehearsal |
| 5   | 6   | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| Year 1 Swimming Ends (France Class)                             | 8.45 Year 4 Brazil Class Assembly<br><br>Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football (Paddington Rec) <i>Selected Team</i> | Year 2 Trip to V & A   | 8.45 Year 4 Ghana Class Assembly<br><br>9.00-11.00 Family Learning Taster Session (Year R Parents) @ WAES Centre | 16.00 Close for Half-Term<br><br>Cake Sale (Year 4) in Playground  |

## House Points

Total House Points for the Autumn Term:

| Aspiration & Achievement | Scholarship | Perseverance | Integrity | Respect & Responsibility | Enthusiasm |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------------|------------|
| 2033                     | 2555        | 2155         | 2108      | 2536                     | 2873       |

Congratulations to **Enthusiasm House!**



The competition starts again for the spring term. All of our House Captains led excellent house meetings this week – a renewed sense of vigour!

## Attendance

Year to date attendance is currently **96.5%** which is just above target. Fantastic news – keep it up!



In assembly this week, we drew names for our scooter prizes. All children that had 96% and above attendance for the autumn term were entered into the draw.

Congratulations to the following children that were lucky enough to be picked:

EYFS Prize: Kanon Sasaki (India Class)

KS1 Prize: Maryam Rahman (China Class)

KS2 Prize: India Dalu-Chandu (Greece Class). However, India very kindly decided that another child could be drawn as she already has a scooter! How kind and an absolute embodiment of our Atwood values. The next name pulled was Sophia Sulleiman (Norway Class)

Scooters have been chosen and ordered – they'll be here soon!

## Curriculum Newsletters

Curriculum Newsletters and timetables for spring 1 have been uploaded to the website:

<http://arkatwoodprimary.org/curriculum/curriculum-newsletters-and-timetables>

## SATs Videos

Useful videos about the SATs (Year 6 in KS2 and Year 2 in KS1) can be found here on You Tube. Well worth a look if you have children in these year groups:

KS2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=532MUvA8ItM&t=1s>

KS1: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVlrdqh\\_J6Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVlrdqh_J6Y)

## Birthdays

As part of our bid to be a healthy school and due to food allergies we ask that cakes and sweets are not brought in for children's birthdays to share with the class. If you want to send something in, fruit or small non-food items are welcome.

## Applications for Year R

**\*\*REMINDER\*\***

The closing date for applications to Year R for September 2018 entry is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

**Remember that even if your child attends the Atwood Nursery an application MUST be made for Year R – there is no automatic transition.**

Please visit the eAdmissions website to make your application:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

The Westminster admissions page has useful information:

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/starting-primary-school>

The national offer day is 16 April 2018; this is the day when decisions on school places are announced.

## Collection from Clubs

If parents are late to collect from clubs at 5pm, P3 can't accommodate your child. Late collection may forfeit your child's place.

## Out and about in London

Recommendations of a few 'out & about' bits that parents may be interested in. Some support learning, others just for leisure!

Lumiere London - Lighting Installations across London - Free - 18th -21st Jan '18

<https://www.visitlondon.com/lumiere#ufCoHkFzQAjlu0QI.97>

Axl Scheffler (illustrator of Julia Donaldson books) Immersive Exhibition - £6.50 per person - currently - Sept '18

Links to Year Rec - topic – Stickman - <http://www.discover.org.uk/exhibitions/>

Imperial War Museum - Free (optional donation)

Year 6 - topic - WW2 - plethora of artefacts/info - <http://www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-london/your-visit>

Tate Modern - Picasso Exhibition - U12s Free - 8th March - 9th Sept '18

Younger ones love his surrealism - distorted faces, bright and fun, older children, and his cubism/analytic cubism - slicing, dicing and stacking.

<http://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/exhibition/ey-exhibition-picasso-1932-love-fame-tragedy>