



Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 9th September

Dear Parents,



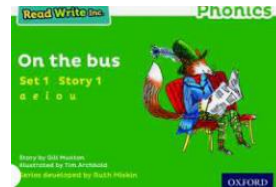
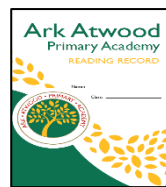
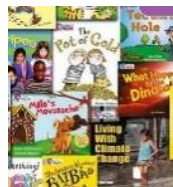
It does not feel appropriate to pull the usual newsletter together given the news of the last 24 hours. Today, we have run short assemblies with the children to mark this moment and, at this sad time, I pay tribute to the Queen's lifetime of dedication, duty and service to our country. There will be announcements in the coming days regarding the State Funeral and the Coronation and I will, of course, be in touch if these impact on school hours in any way.

We anticipate school running as normal next week and these events will take place as planned:

- Tuesday 13th September (8.45am): New Early Years Parents Coffee Morning
- Wednesday 14th September (8.00am): Year 3 Parent Curriculum Meeting
- Thursday 15th September (8.00am): Year 2 Parent Curriculum Meeting

Some other school updates:

- **Timetables** Updated timetables for the new academic year are now on the Atwood website here: <https://arkatwoodprimary.org/curriculum/curriculum-overviews-timetables>
- **PE Days** PE days this term are as follows:
 - Nursery: Monday and Thursday (Nursery children wear PE kit all week)
 - Reception: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
 - Year One: Tuesday & Friday
 - Year Two: Wednesday & Friday
 - Year Three: Monday & Thursday (swimming)
 - Year Four: Wednesday & Friday
 - Year Five: Tuesday & Wednesday
 - Year Six: Tuesday & Wednesday
- **Book Amnesty** Please check at home and bring back all reading books so we can re-organise and get ready for starting reading homework this year. If you have your reading record, please bring this in too as we would like to carry on using them until they are full. We will be in touch about the start of reading homework in due course. Books to come back to school are:
 - RWI phonics books
 - RWI book bag books
 - Decodable books
 - Reading Road Map books
 - Library books
 - Reading records
- **Secondary Transition** This week I wrote to Year 6 parents regarding the deadline for secondary school applications (it is essential that parents complete the application by 31st October – please get in touch if you have questions). The letter along with other details are on the Atwood website: <https://arkatwoodprimary.org/admissions/transferring-secondary-school>. Year 6 parents will be able to hear from the Principals of Paddington Academy and Westminster Academy at a school session at 9.00am on Tuesday 27th September.
- **Jinga Jinga Capoeira Club** This club is being run this term for children in Years 1, 2 and 3. A letter went home earlier in the week with further details. If you would like to sign up please click on this link: <https://jingajinga.class4kids.co.uk/info/131>



Best Wishes

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