



Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 12th March



Dear Parents and Carers

After eight weeks of remote learning, it has been wonderful to have all the children back and enjoying school life again. The children have, as they always do, settled quickly into Atwood routines and the atmosphere around school is happy and calm with a strong learning climate. The British weather has been the main challenge as we have had to navigate the 'wet play' issue which requires children to remain inside and thereby losing important outdoor time to run around.

Thank you to parents once again for supporting and being patient with the challenges of the start and end of day requirements – I think the end of day Year 5 and Year 6 was quite hectic on Monday but has settled down more and more as the week progressed. When collecting children, please move away from the school exits quickly to avoid possible congestion.

One issue that remains is around uniform and in particular black shoes. All children should be wearing black shoes to school and not trainers or boots. I do recognise that buying children's shoes is challenging at the moment. I understand that Clarks Outlet Online and Marks & Spencer Online are good options. The Atwood Uniform policy is on the school website and can be found here: <https://arkatwoodprimary.org/uniform>.

On the subject of uniform, the confirmed dates for individual and sibling photos are:

- May 12th: Nursery & KS2
- May 13th: Reception & KS1

Children must wear full school uniform (as opposed to PE kit if it is a PE day).

A number of parents have been asking about the Atwood laptops that have been loaned out. The original agreement asked for these laptops be brought back in when we return on Monday. However, so that we are prepared for any further disruption, we are happy for you to keep these devices at home. I will be in touch with further information later in the term.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn
Headteacher, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

Red Nose Day



Red Nose Day takes place next Friday (19th March). Children may come to school dressed in red for a donation of £1.

Ark Parent Survey

We know that the experience of lockdown and impact of COVID on family life and your child's education has been varied across households, and we wanted to provide you with the opportunity to reflect on this time. We hope to be able to use the feedback that you share in order to support your child and your family better. To help us with this, we're working together with the Edurio survey platform.

To complete the survey, please click here: <https://edurio.com/teacher/poll/9oGXiv>

Surveys are completely anonymous and confidential, though the responses will be aggregated for the purpose of analysis. **The survey will be available until Sunday, March 21.**

If you have any questions or concerns please be in touch.

Parents Evening/Parent Forum

Ordinarily, we would hold parents evening sessions towards the end of this term. However, we have decided to push these back to Summer 1 when we will have completed the school reopening assessments and be able to tell you exactly where children are in their learning and the plans we have put in place to support them. Dates for these parents evening sessions will be published soon. In the meantime, we will hold virtual parent forums on:

- Early Years/Key Stage One: Wednesday 24th March at 9.30am
- Key Stage Two: Thursday 25th March at 9.30am

At the forums, we will update you on how school return has been and our plans looking ahead. Please feel free to email over any questions you would like us to focus on (j.evelyn@arkatwoodprimary.org) and mention which key stage you are referring to.

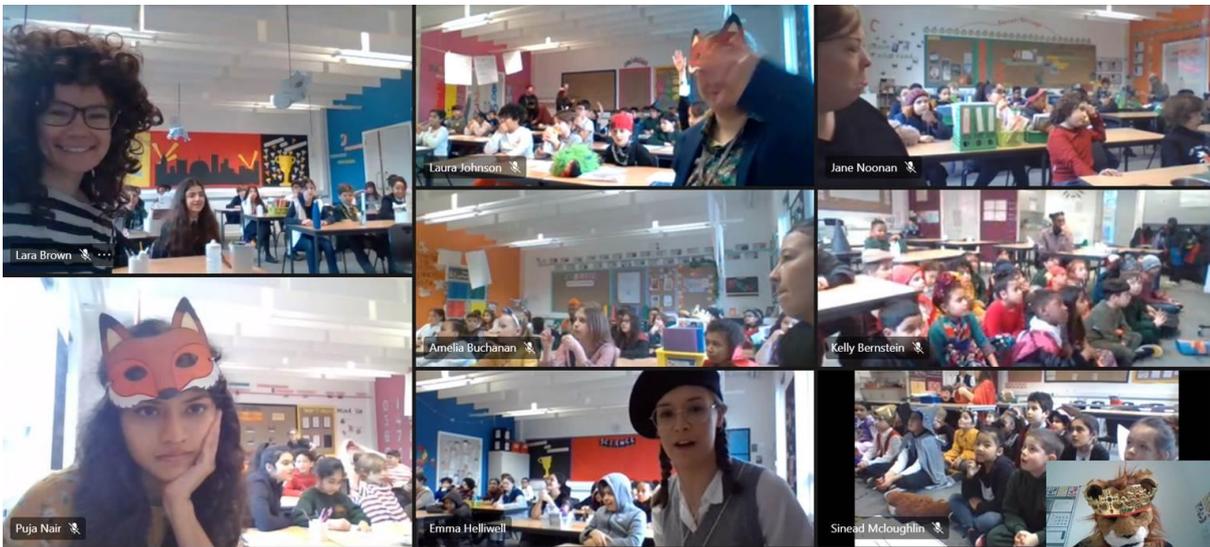


Year 3 Tortoises!

Today our Year 3 children had a visit from some lovely tortoises. Introducing, from left to right, From left to right (Alice, Tom, Fred)

World Book Day #2

Today we held World Book Day #2 so children and adults had the opportunity to dress up and celebrate their love of reading. As always, the Atwood children went the extra mile and we shared costumes and played games in key stage assemblies.



Term dates

The term dates for the next academic year have now been published. They are on our website and also here:



School days
 School holidays
 Bank holidays
 Ark inset days
 School inset days

Term dates 2021-22

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