



Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 15th January

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well during this period of lockdown. From our perspective, the Community Classroom and See Saw remote learning model are both fully up and running. I hope you are enjoying seeing your children accessing the tasks on See Saw and responding to the feedback from school staff. It really has taken our remote learning to a new level. I also had the pleasure of attending the Y3 and Y6 Achievement assemblies today and heard all about the learning in these year groups and the many successes. A few updates:

Community Classroom We have significantly more children attending the Community Classroom compared to the 2020 school closure. As a result, from Monday, we will be moving from three to four bubbles and tweaking where children enter and depart from the school site. Details as follows:

- Reception & Year One – Main Entrance (along wall)
- Year Three – Main Entrance (along railings)
- Year Two & Four – Back Gate (towards Amberley Road)
- Year Five & Six – Back Gate (towards canal)

Timings remain the same (8.30am to 3.30pm).

Virtual Achievement Assemblies Today, Miss Thomson, Mr Townsend and I ran Achievement Assemblies for each year group. Well done to all scholars – worthy recipients reflecting lots of hard work!



	Scholar of the Week	Headteacher's Values		Scholar of the Week	Headteacher's Values
Nursery	Nonni	Olivia	Belgium	Sulaiman	Zaina
India	Noah	Qaasim	Ghana	Boz	Nora
Mexico	Emma	Riccardo	Brazil	Aaqib	Luay
Italy	Seena	Bulut	Greece	Mateo	Milo
France	Camille	Hassan	Spain	Jamie	Ebiere
China	Kobe	Travone	Canada	Ridhwan	Zoey
Barbados	Sulaiman	Neveah	Australia	Adam El Shazly	Uran
Norway	Seif	Sabine			

Devices A number of Key Stage Two families have now collected loaned devices from the school. I hope these are working well and enabling you to access See Saw. Sadly, as it stands, we are only permitted to share devices with Key Stage Two families. I do know there are families in Key Stage One who require devices; this is currently being looked into by the team at Head Office. I hope to be able to update you on this soon.

Any Key Stage Two families who still do not have a suitable device, please complete the survey below and we will be in touch:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=dBTLADSljUaCn2NuzjLCTNsN54d3ox9GgCyFZJT0u%20fZUQVA5MIQ5VkuwNVA4WE9ZSjRPMkFMNTdXRS4u>

Message to Nursery Parents

A reminder that the deadline for applications for your child to attend Atwood Reception is today - 15th January.

You MUST apply as children do not transition automatically from our Nursery to Reception. Please click on this link to apply (applications are managed by Westminster local authority):

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

See Saw To support with workload, staff will not be responding to children's submissions after 5pm. As mentioned in previous correspondence, we have not stipulated a specific timetable so that families have the flexibility to organise when children will complete their work during the day. However, we do want children to have a structure to their day and for work to be submitted during school hours.

Nursery Following the initial school reopening announcement, the government has mandated that Nursery education is provided. Therefore, from Monday 18th January, Nursery will reopen in line with school term timings (8.50am to 3.15pm). Usual full time/part time arrangements will apply.

The expectation is that all Nursery children will be in school in line with normal school routines. For those unable to attend, we will support with home learning but all Nursery staff will be working on site and the priority will have to be children at school. As Nursery is officially open, the home provision will understandably not be the same model as the full closure approach we have been following this term.

Free School Meals Free School Meal vouchers are being sent out to eligible families. From next week, following guidance from Ark Schools, the value will increase to £15 per child each week. The vouchers are automatically generated from a Wonde account so please look out for an email from this company.

Year Six Residential This week I wrote to Year 6 families with details of the payments required ahead of the June residential. I recognise that circumstances have changed since deposits were paid in December but we are proceeding as normal in the hope that the residential goes ahead in June. Please be reassured that if the residential does end up being cancelled we will, of course, refund all the payments you have made.

Thanks for your support,

Have a great weekend.

James Evelyn
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