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**Newsletter, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Message from Head of School**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, Ark is piloting a new school inspection model using the Challenge Partners programme. Atwood, along with some other Ark schools, are participating.

The central part of this programme is the Peer Review where school leaders from another geographical area/context, come to review our school. This process is then reversed where our school leaders visit another setting in a different area. The idea behind this is that as well as being part of the review, leaders also receive professional development and the opportunity to see a school in a contrasting context.

For the last few days, I have been out of London and part of a team peer reviewing a school in Lincoln. This has been a fantastic opportunity and a chance to see teaching, learning and the curriculum in a very different area of the country. Later this term, a team of reviewers will visit Atwood. More information can be found at [www.challengepartners.org](http://www.challengepartners.org).

**Ark Atwood's  
Winter Wonderland Fair**

**Saturday 7 December  
12 - 3PM**

- Biscuit decorating
- Face painting
- Bouncy castle
- Festive arts and crafts
- Hook the duck
- Lollypop tree
- Knock'em down
- New games: Frosty snowball toss, Snowman sticky dart
- Delicious hot food, cakes, hot chocolate and much more!

**£1 entrance fee for adults, including a raffle ticket**

Please don't forget that **next Friday (22<sup>nd</sup> November)** is an inset day and school will be closed to children.

Finally, Vivian, the Friends of Atwood team and many others are busily preparing for the Winter Fair on 7<sup>th</sup> December. I know they are looking for volunteers to help out so if you are to support them, do please let me or her know.

Have a great weekend.

James Evelyn  
Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

**Reminder: Atwood Inset Day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. School Closed.**

**Atwood Attendance**

It is important that children are at school every day. Every lesson and every session matters and children should only be off school in exceptional circumstances. Our attendance target is to **exceed 96%**. Below are the attendance figures for this week.

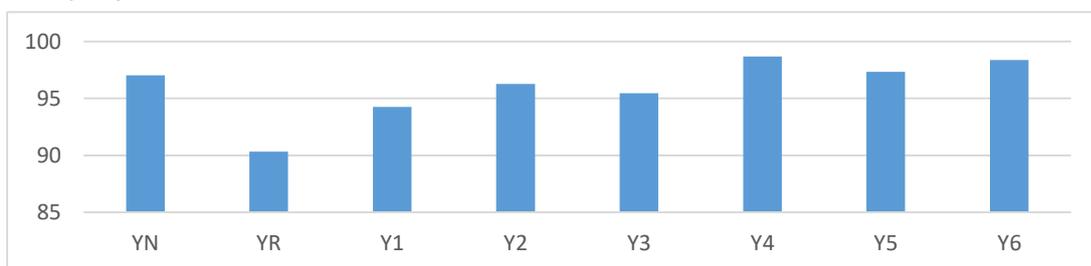
The whole school attendance figure for this week is: **95.85%**

The Key Stage **One** class with the highest attendance this week is: **BARBADOS**

The Key Stage **Two** classes with the highest attendance this week is: **GHANA**



Year group attendance numbers for this week:



## Remembrance Day

On Monday, we marked Remembrance Day with assemblies looking at why poppies are worn on this occasion and the significance of the 11<sup>th</sup> November date.

## Dates for the Diary

19 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Y4 British Museum Trip
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Academy	Inset Day: School Closed
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.30pm	Y6 Rhythm Studio Performance
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.30pm	Y5 Rhythm Studio Performance
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	3.15pm	Parents Evening ( <i>School finishes at 3pm</i> )
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00am	Admissions Morning
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Year 3 Wonderlab Trip
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.15pm	Parents Evening ( <i>School finishes at 3pm</i> )
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Atwood Winter Fair
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Save the Children Xmas Jumper Day / Bake Sale
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00am	KSI Performance
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.00pm	Y3/Y4 Performance
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00am	Reception Performance
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.30pm	Nursery Performance
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.00pm	Y5/Y6 Performance
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00pm	End of Term

## One Voice Choir in action again

On Thursday, the Year 5s from the One Voice choir spent the day at Cecil Sharp House learning a range of songs in 2 part harmonies that they then performed in a mini concert at the end of the day. They worked incredibly hard and even composed their own verse of a song during a creative workshop. Well done to everyone who took part - they represented Atwood superbly. A very exciting year lies ahead for One Voice. 😊



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## Nursery & Reception Parent Workshop

Dear Nursery and Reception Parents/Carers,

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 8.45am to share the program we use to record observations of your children, make accurate assessments and track their development and progress. It is devised by Early Excellence and provides excellent tools to further support your child's learning and development.

We will be giving you your exclusive code for your child so you can log in and see what your children have been up to. It is also a great opportunity for you to upload photos, videos and notes of all the fantastic learning and fun games you are doing at home!

Looking forward to seeing you,

EYFS Team



## Children in Need

Today, we have been marking the annual Children in Need fundraising event with a non-uniform day. Along with many other schools across the country, the children took part in the Big Morning Move – a live You Tube workout with Joe Wicks!



## Purple Mash Workshop

Thank you so much to the 72 parents who came along yesterday morning to make our Purple Mash Computing workshop a success! It was great to have your feedback and work with you to make Computing better for us and improve your experience at home. At the workshop, parents and carers had the opportunity to get hands-on with Purple Mash and find resources that would help their child. A full Q&A can be found at the end of the PDF document under the 'Computing' tab on our website – this contains the most common questions from the workshop.

## Friends of Ark Atwood Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in Wacky Hair day! We raised £227. The Winter Wonderland Fair is coming along nicely. We have so many fun activities planned to ensure it is a special day for all of you. But we still need help with;

Volunteers each class will be assigned a stall, and sign-up sheets for volunteers shifts will be outside classroom as of next week.

Toys/Unwanted gifts; we will need used toys for the knock em down stall and almost new toys/gifts for Santas shop. These can be dropped off as of next week in the designated boxes by the lost and found corner near the stairs.

We will also be having a Snow Globe stall and need empty jars with lids. Please drop off any spares, by the lost and found corner near the stairs.

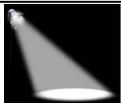
Donations: if any parents work in restaurants or shops that can donate vouchers please get in touch.

We need someone who would be willing to dress up as Father Christmas!

If you can help in any way, please get in touch at [atwoodfriends@gmail.com](mailto:atwoodfriends@gmail.com)

## Year 3 at the Tate

You may have seen news coverage of Steve McQueen's Year 3 exhibition at Tate Britain. Our current Y4 children took part in this project last year and you can now go and visit. All photos are anonymous but we can tell you that Atwood feature in Section 2.



## Who is in the Spotlight this week?

Year Six have been diving into the depths of the Misty Mountains and discovering all sorts of weird and wonderful creatures including the infamous 'Gollum'. After conducting much field research, they have produced a non-chronological report offering new insights into this fascinating character. Damiano Fichera (Australia Class) reports:

