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Success**

Newsletter, Friday 20th September 2019

Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week at 8.45am on Thursday (26th September), I will be holding my first Parent Forum of the year. I will be sharing our plans for the year ahead and will update you all on progress on our existing priorities. Viviane Paxinos, Chair of the Friends of Ark Atwood, will be joining me and will be talking you through their role, how decisions are made, discuss fundraising objectives and sources for the 2019/2020 academic year. It's an opportunity for parents and carers to feedback, make fundraising suggestions and learn more about how they can get involved. Looking forward to seeing you all – especially our new parents and carers.

Have a lovely weekend.

James Evelyn
Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

Please don't forget that
Friday 4th October is
an Academy Inset Day.
School will be 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: **97.61%**

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: **BELGIUM**

Year group attendance numbers for this week:



Congratulations...

...to our newly appointed Prefects and House Captains:

House captains

Aspiration and Achievement	Vincent Alwart
Scholarship	Lily Appleby
Perseverance	Adam El Masry
Integrity	Henry Liu
Respect and Responsibility	Yahya Mbarki
Enthusiasm	Damiano Fichera

Prefects

Vihaan Pursnani Mahbubani
Khadijah Ellekhlifi
Isaac Ogunkoya
Qaali Rothmaler
Gabriel Finch
Ali Alian

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
25 th Sept	8.45am	Y6 Parent Transition Meeting (with PA Principal)
26 th Sept	8.45am	Parent Forum (incl Fundraising Update)
27 th Sept	tbc	Macmillan Coffee Morning & End of Day Bake Sale
4 th Oct	Academy	Inset Day: School Closed
11 th Oct		International Day
15 th Oct		Year 2 Science Museum Trip
16 th Oct		Norway Class Floating Classroom Trip
17 th Oct	9.00am	Reception Open Morning
17 th Oct		Belgium Class Floating Classroom Trip
28 th Oct		Nasal Flu Jabs
21 st – 25 th Oct		Half Term
1 st Nov		Wacky Hair and Hat Day / End of Day Bake Sale
7 th Nov	9.00am	Reception Open Morning
19 th Nov		Y4 British Museum Trip
22 nd Nov	Academy	Inset Day: School Closed
5 th Dec	9.00am	Reception Open Morning
5 th Dec		Year 3 Wonderlab Trip
7 th Dec		Atwood Winter Fair
13 th Dec		Save the Children Xmas Jumper Day / Bake Sale
19 th Dec	2.00pm	End of Term

Secondary Transition

This week, we have run sessions for Year 6 parents offering support with the upcoming secondary transitions. On Thursday 26th September at 8.45am, Peter Jones, Principal, Paddington Academy, will be at Atwood to talk about his school and answer questions from parents.

The dates and times for Westminster secondary open days can be found on our website at

<http://arkatwoodprimary.org/admissions/transferring-secondary-school>



Parent and Teacher Book Club

The Parent and Teacher Book Club meet one evening every half term and would love for some new people to join. It's open to everyone (not kids, obviously) and is a great way to get to know parents, teachers and of course to discuss books.

We usually select a book from a theme to read and meet every half term to discuss, but this time, as it was the summer, we had a list to choose from for our 'summer reads'. The list was:

City of girls by Elizabeth Gilbert
 Go went gone by Jenny Erpenbeck
 Everything I never told you by Celeste Ng
 Candide by Voltaire
 The poet x by Elizabeth Acevedo
 An American marriage by Tayari Jones
 Circe by Madeline Miller
 The nightingale by Kirstin Hannah
 The book of Harlan by Bernice I. McFadden

We will be meeting on **23rd September from 6.30pm** downstairs in the cellars at The Prince Alfred on Formosa Street. Everyone is welcome to come - even if you haven't read any of the books!

If you'd like to come, or want to know more please email me Jess@jesslipson.com

Volunteers Needed!

We are on the lookout for volunteers to join our team to help supervise and support lunchtimes. This is a busy time of the day and we are keen to add a couple of adults to the team to play games with the children and help ensure that the playground remains safe. The hours are approximately 11am to 2pm. If you are interested, please get in touch with James Evelyn or Laura Thomson.



Who is in the Spotlight this week?

Vincent, Y6 Canada, has been drawing upon Philip Pullman's book, Clockwork, as inspiration for his writing. Enjoy the suspense of this wonderful writing. Keep it up, Vincent!



Clockwork

Fritzy stopped.

Gulping down his words, his eyes were drawn to the door like an unkeyed moth to the flame. The desigining silence was broken by a sharp intake of breath. The colour drained from his face, beads of icy sweat trickled and splashed onto the polished oak floor. The only thing moving was the latch on the door... it was lifting... what was it?

The door's bolt screeched and yelp, thudding on the metal system. It creaked... then groaned as it swung open on its oil-stained hinges. Swirling flakes of snow entered the room from the gaping gap between the door and the wall. Tapestries shuddered with the force of the wind. Mugs of beer slipped and spilt. Surely it was just the wind... the storm brewing... right?

Ghostly, skeletal ~~figures~~ fingers clutched the tavern's walls as a glistening silhouette leaned on the threshold. A long, inky, black mantle billowed out into the wan moonlight, his head tilted, revealing only a thin-lipped, smirking mouth. His the crest of his head: yell back allowing fine, grey hair to graze and around the stranger's neck affectionately. Eyes, which looked like raging flames, surveyed the room. When his shovel has seen dragging on the floor of the parlour, screeching, several people shrilly screamed and retreated. The stranger bowed, "Dr. Kalmicus of Schatzberg. A glass of brandy, ⁹⁹ Under his breath he hoarsely muttered, "I'm old, I've been digging all right... ⁹⁹



CALLING ALL ATWOOD BAKERS
JOIN THE GREAT ATWOOD

BAKE OFF

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH, 4PM
(cakes can be dropped off in the morning or brought at pickup)

FEATURING A SPECIAL JUDGE
AND A PRIZE FOR THE WINNER
WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A BAKE SALE



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27
8:45-9:15

ARK ATWOOD STUDIO

BRING CAKE AND PASTRIES!
Join us for great company, coffee and cake while we raise money for MacMillan Cancer!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Your Friends of Ark Atwood team!



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WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Fundraising for

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT
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