



Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 25th September

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Parent Forums we ran yesterday and this morning. As always, it is absolutely our intention to maintain frequent communication between ourselves and our families especially at this challenging time.

I plan to hold Parent Forums more frequently during this period to ensure that you are fully up to speed on what is happening at school. The slides from the Parent Forums can be found here on the Atwood website: <https://arkatwoodprimary.org/page-strips/parent-workshops>

Some of you have asked about how we are approaching academic catch up following the period of school closure. Over the next fortnight, we will be carrying out baseline assessments. This will give us crucial information about children's areas of strength and, crucially, any gaps in their learning. Once we have this information, we will be looking to put additional support in place. How this will look will depend on the issues emerging. Plans will be shared with parents in due course. I am also hoping to write to you next week with more information about our home learning model.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn
Headteacher, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

Achievement Assembly

We have been holding Achievement Assemblies in class this week to celebrate the achievements of our scholars and to recognise children who exemplify our Atwood values.



Congratulations to our winners this week:

Year One	Italy	Leena & Yonatan	France	Mia & Louise
Year Two	Barbados	Shiv & Xavi	China	Dalia & Ayiku
Year Three	Belgium	Rayan & Eva	Norway	Seif & Sabine
Year Four	Brazil	Amani & Iyed	Ghana	Traevon & Salma
Year Five	Spain	Aiden & Ebiere	Greece	Angel & Kamali
Year Six	Australia	Nathan & Ilias	Canada	Adam M & Ines

Reception and Nursey Achievement Assemblies will start next week.

Year 6 Secondary Transition

As Year 6 parents are aware, the **deadline for secondary school application is Sunday 31st October**. We are in touch with our two local secondary schools who are keen to offer support to Atwood parents. As these are confirmed we will let you know.

- **Westminster Academy:** At 10am on Thursday 22nd October, the school will be running a question and answer session on Zoom for Atwood parents. They recommend that you attend one of their open days and then come along to this session if you have any additional questions.

Meeting:

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https%3A%2F%2Fzoom.us%2Fj%2F95934589888&sa=D&ust=1600180464778000&usg=AOvVawI3FrBmMyzUSlvpFg9auORG>

You can submit questions in advance here: <https://forms.gle/FNYcehDDLeFATQBV6>

- **Paddington Academy:** We are speaking to the school and looking to organise a similar event – details will be shared with you when confirmed. They have asked us to let Year 6 parents know that Open Day details have now been published on their website along with a sign up option to attend. Sign up via the link below: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cvU9Bh94I06UiQ5mh-EDGk7UrKv7kgVJk08_ACXcJktUNEVFODVNRkNHQkIIOE4wVVNTUEhDOVFGOS4u

Further details about secondary transition can be found on the Atwood website.

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

Flu Vaccination

Parents will have this week received a letter from the National Health Service regarding the upcoming annual flu nasal spray vaccination which will be taking place at Ark Atwood on **Tuesday 20th October 2020**.

The flu nasal spray vaccination is available for children in Reception through to Year Six. Please complete the consent form and return it to the school office if you would like your child to receive the flu nasal spray vaccination.

Further information about the flu nasal spray vaccination can be found on our website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

Home Learning

Our aim is to offer children a full curriculum as far as possible. One of the many challenges we are facing is providing for children when they are off whilst the school is running.

In the event of a local lockdown or school closure, we will revert to our home learning model which is changing this academic year and will be based on a learning platform that can be accessed from any device. Ark Schools is providing support with this and we will be sharing full details with parents soon.

Current arrangements:

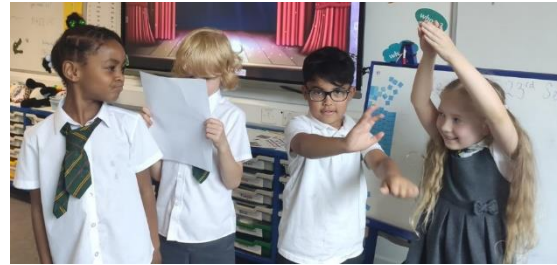
- if your child is off school for a COVID related reason (quarantine, isolation, shielding etc) for a sustained period and there is no lockdown or school closure, we will provide the learning objectives being taught that week and signpost you to the Oak National Academy (<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>). This resource was set up for these sorts of scenarios and provides filmed teaching, quizzes and other resources. It is a high quality resource and a number of colleagues from Ark Schools have supported its development.
- If there is a local lockdown, a 'bubble' is isolating or school closure, we will revert to our formal home learning model.

What's happening at School...

Year 4 Brazil were treated to Amani showcasing her ukulele skills! Not only is Amani a wonderful scholar, she proved she is an excellent teacher by encouraging Miss Noonan to have a go too! Sadly, Miss Noonan has a lot to learn to match up to Amani ... 😊

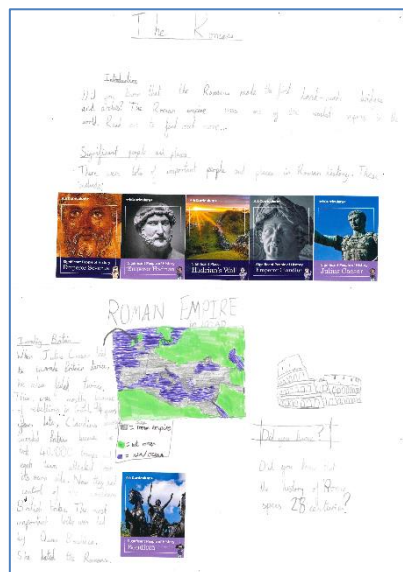
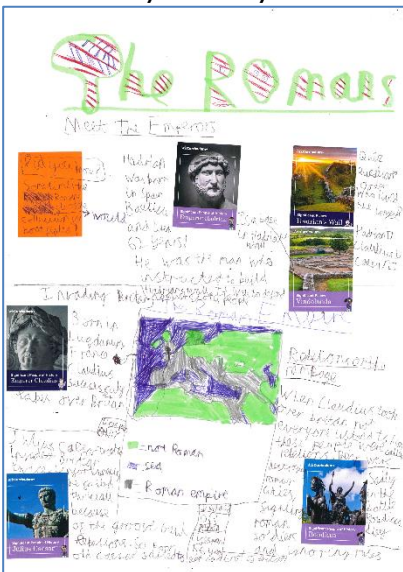


Y2 Park Club and Historical Drama lesson on the Battle of Hastings 1066.



Enthusied by their Discovery boxes, Hubert and Olaf (Brazil class) created their own fact files about the Romans! They have included 'Did you know?' questions and 'weird facts' too! This is great independent learning and Miss Noonan looks forward to your essays about the Roman Invasions!

Year One have been on a local walk in the sunshine as part of their Transport unit.

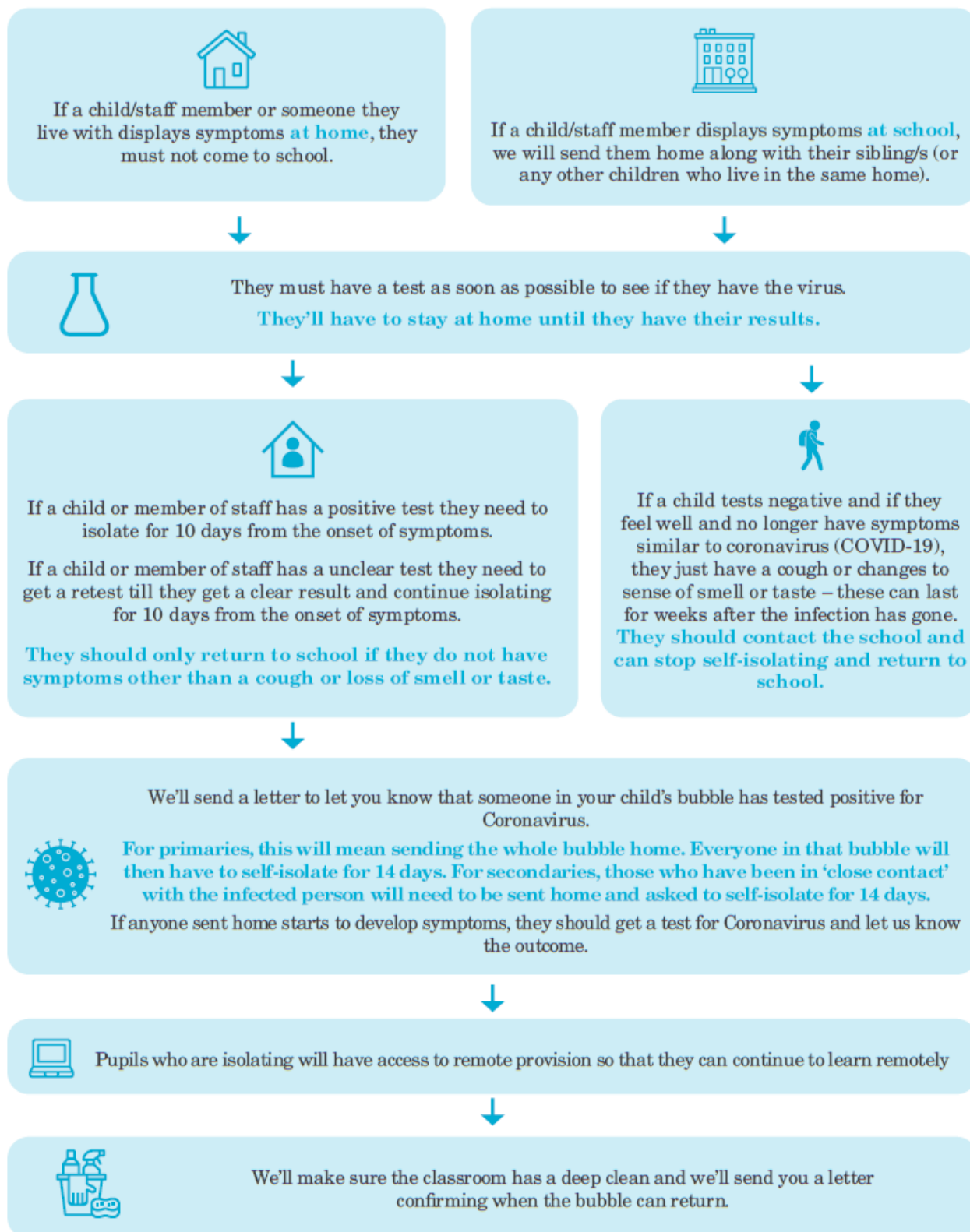


COVID-19 Symptoms

The Ark Schools guidance has been changed slightly regarding the process the school goes through in the event of a child or staff member developing COVID symptoms. This is the updated flow chart.

The process:

What happens if a child or staff member shows symptoms of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).



Clubs

Parents may be aware of Trinity Performing Arts who support the school with dance and drama classes. We are conscious that we are not running clubs at this time. However, the company is still running classes outside of school hours that you may be interested in. Like other providers, they also have strict COVID guidelines in place.

They have a new campus that has opened a 5 minute walk from Atwood.

Westbourne Park Baptist Church
Porchester Road
W2 5DX

The following classes have available space:

3.00-3.30pm Babydoll Dance & Sing (walking - 2.5yrs)


3.45-4.30pm Ragdoll Ballet, Jazz&Tap (3-5yrs)

4.30-5.15pm Prep Ballet, Jazz&Tap (6-9yrs)

5.15-6.00pm Gymnastics & Acrobatics (3+yrs)

6.00-6.45pm Street Dance mixed level

Another campus is on Kensal Rise/Green with classes on Fridays & Saturday's.

A promotional poster for Trinity Performing Arts Academy. The title 'TRINITY PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY' is at the top in large white letters. Below the title are several photographs showing students in various activities: a group of boys in blue shirts, a group of girls in colorful costumes, a girl in a blue leotard performing a backbend, a group of girls in black and white costumes, a group of girls in pink costumes, and a group of girls in black and white costumes. At the bottom, there is a list of activities: 'JAZZ • TAP • BALLET • LYRICAL STREET DANCE • SPEECH & DRAMA SINGING • MUSICAL THEATRE • ACROBATICS'. Below this list is a call to action: 'COME AND BE PART OF OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS, PARENTS & FAMILIES, CLASSES START FROM: 18MTHS - ADULTS. CALL MISS REBECCA NOW FOR A FREE TRIAL: T: 07813 395837'. At the very bottom, there are contact details: 'e: principal.tperformingarts@gmail.com' and 'www.trinityperformingarts.co.uk'.

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