



Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 26th February

Dear Parents and Carers

Further to my letter earlier in the week, I am writing with details of school reopening on Monday 8th March. As mentioned in my previous letter, many of the COVID restrictions remain in place so please read the following information closely so you are aware of how everything will work.

If your child/children has any medical conditions that make them vulnerable when returning to school during this time, please contact the office immediately so that we can carry out a risk assessment and put measures in place to ensure they are safe. Please also inform the school office if you have received a letter asking your child to shield during this period.

Attendance

Similar to last term, school attendance will be compulsory again from 8th March with the normal expectations applying. The Addendum to our Attendance Policy, which was put in place from September, has been amended slightly to recognise the slight changes in school day timings (see below). This document is being sent out alongside this newsletter. The Attendance Policy and the Addendum can be found on the Atwood website here: <https://arkatwoodprimary.org/policies/attendance-policy>

Timings

The timings for the start and end of day will remain broadly the same as before Christmas. However, the school day for Y5s and Y6s will be slightly longer as follows:

- Y5 will now finish at 3.40pm and leave by the main entrance
- Y6 will now finish at 3.45pm and leave by the main entrance

Timings and locations for all year groups are therefore as follows:

Start of Day Drop Off			
8.30am: Year 4 8.40am: Year 2 8.50am: Reception Mexico	8.30am: Year 3 8.40am: Year 1 8.50am: Reception India	8.30am: Year 5	8.30am: Year 6 8.50am: Nursery

Message to Nursery and Community Classroom Parents

Nursery and the Community Classroom will be closed next Friday (5th March). This will ensure that we have space and time to fully prepare the site for reopening on Monday 8th March (including time for staff to prepare resources, furniture to be moved back to its correct place and for the site to be cleaned thoroughly). It will also help to reduce the possibility of children and staff from different bubbles mixing.

Our remote learning See Saw provision will continue on this day as normal.

End of Day Collection

3.30pm: Y4 Brazil ●	3.30pm: Y4 Ghana ●	3.20pm: Reception India ●	3.15pm: Nursery ●
3.35pm: Y3 Norway	3.35pm: Y3 Belgium	3.40pm: Year 5 Spain	3.20pm: Reception Mexico
3.40pm: Y2 China	3.40pm: Y2 Barbados	3.45pm: Year 6 Canada	3.40pm Year 5 Greece
3.45pm: Y1 France	3.45pm: Y1 Italy		3.45pm: Year 6 Australia



Drop off and collection are busy periods of the day and parents have an important role to play in keeping us all safe. Parents are asked to wear a face covering at all times when dropping off and picking up and to observe distancing requirements.

Lunches

As with last term, lunch arrangements will be broadly normal with children remaining in their bubbles for lunchtime with surfaces and chairs wiped down between sittings. Children in Key Stage Two will be able to choose a packed lunch if desired. Payments for lunches should be made through the office as normal. The menu from Monday 8th March to the end of the Spring term is now on the Atwood website and can be found here: <https://arkatwoodprimary.org/life-school/school-lunches>

Uniform

Children are expected to attend school in normal school uniform. If you require any new uniform for your child, please contact Urban Apparel on Harrow Road. Their details along with our Uniform Policy are on the Atwood website under the 'Life at School' tab.

PE

Children will have two timetabled PE sessions each week. Children should come to school in their PE kit on the specified days (PE will begin straight away from Monday 8th March):

Reception	Monday, Thursday & Friday (Mexico) Monday, Wednesday & Friday (India)
Year One	Tuesday & Friday
Year Two	Tuesday & Friday
Year Three	Monday & Friday
Year Four	Wednesday & Thursday
Year Five	Tuesday & Wednesday (Spain) Tuesday & Thursday (Greece)
Year Six	Monday & Wednesday

Hygiene Measures

Keeping our site to a high standard of cleanliness is central to our reopening plans. The following measures are in place:

- Staff and children use hand sanitiser on arrival and frequently during the day
- Staff sign a declaration on arrival each day confirming they have no COVID symptoms

- Children's temperatures are taken on arrival at school
- Staff wear face coverings in communal areas
- Resources are allocated to specific bubbles and not shared across bubbles
- High touch points around the school are cleaned frequently during the day
- Staff maintain social distancing in communal areas and avoid extended close contact with children within bubbles
- All rooms have an assigned maximum capacity

PPE

Guidance from the Department for Education states that primary school children do not need to wear a face covering. However, parents are welcome to ask their child to wear a face covering at school if they so choose.

PPE is mandatory in school where it is used in normal circumstances when intimate care is being given; where a staff member may accompany a child in the event that they have COVID symptoms; and the lunchtime serving team also wear face masks. From 8th March until the end of term, Atwood staff will all wear a face covering in communal areas as an additional precaution.

Breakfast/After School Clubs

We continue to be unable to run Breakfast or After School Club because of a lack of space and the constraints brought about by the bubble system. This decision will be reviewed again at the end of term.

External Support/Visitors

Parents are still not allowed on site. Any external visitors/contractors will be asked to wear a face covering when on the school site.

We continue to use external providers for sports coaching, some music provision and to support specific children with additional needs.

We all hope that we are nearing the end of this challenging period and whilst we are hoping for a quick return to something more normal, it is essential that we all work hard to ensure the smooth running of the school as we return. I recognise that you may have questions regarding how things will work this term. As always, please speak to myself or any other school leader. Alternatively, please contact the office if you would like to schedule a phone call with me.

Have a great weekend.

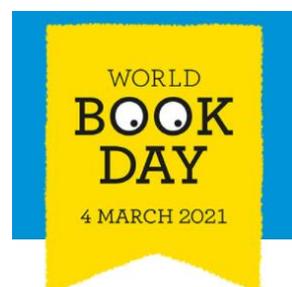
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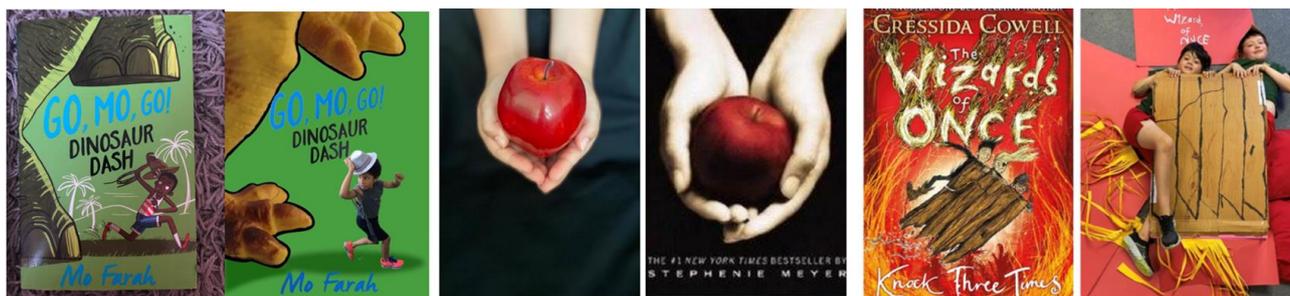
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World Book Day – 4th March 2021

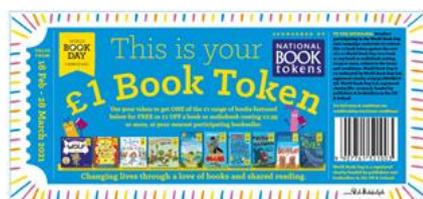
Although World Book Day this year will take place just before we return to school, nothing will stop Ark Atwood scholars celebrating their love of stories and books! World Book Day falls on Thursday 4th March – we'd love it if children could attend their Zoom calls with their classes in their chosen costumes! But don't worry – we will hold 'World Book Day 2' once we're back in school, so that children can celebrate their favourite books and characters with their friends. One thing you could try at home, is recreating a book cover! Whilst it's usually the words inside a book



that impact us (and we should never judge a book by its cover!), some book covers simply implore us to pick them up! Here are some highlights from last year:



Once you're happy with your creation, send a picture to your class teacher. Please be creative with your costumes and book covers! It is thoughtfulness and planning that often has the greatest impact. This is not about buying a new costume but using what you already have so get your thinking caps on!



Here is a link to this year's 'virtual' £1 book token:

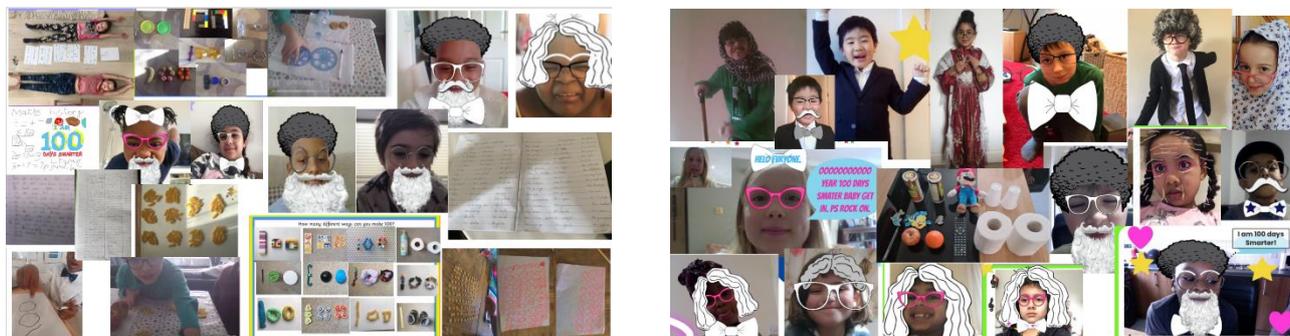
https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_PrimaryUK.pdf
(this can be redeemed straight away, up until 28th March).

And can be exchanged for £1 books, found here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/2021/01/inside-the-2021-1-1-books/>

100 Days Smarter

On Tuesday 23rd February, KSI launched their learning by celebrating becoming 100 days smarter. Not only did they all become 100 years old but they also enjoyed lots of fun activities around the number 100. The day started with a surprise teacher video and then continued with 100 counting and word challenges, a 100 scavenger hunt, a 100 year old photo booth and reflection activities on what they had all learnt over the last 100 days. They also had lots of fun in the Year 1 and Year 2 zoom assemblies where they danced to the newly invented 'I am 100' song and showed off their fabulous 100 year old outfits. KSI are now looking forward to the next 100 days of learning and becoming even smarter!





Westminster City Lions

Text from Westminster City Council



Westminster City Council are looking for young artists (up to age 18) to take part in a collection of exhibitions in Westminster, showcasing the creativity of young people and offering a chance to reflect, share and celebrate together. Your chance to have your artwork showcased in our public exhibitions, including the world famous Saatchi Gallery!

2020 has been a significant moment for all of us; can anyone remember a time when life had to change so quickly for so many? The experiences of COVID-19, lockdown and the re-emergence of the Black Lives Matter movement have also had a profound impact on many of us. Creativity can help us make sense of it all and people have been creating art in different forms to help communicate and express their feelings.

At the council, we want to share and celebrate the creativity of Westminster's brilliant young people by hosting a series of events. We are looking for original artworks of any kind, this could be audio clips, short films, poems, paintings, drawings, statements or digital work that are related to the following themes:

- Lockdown
- Resilience and hope
- Community
- Black Lives Matter

Further information: <https://citylions.org/students/creative-collective-westminster/>