



Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 26th March

End of Term

Next Wednesday (31st March) is the last day of term.
As always, we finish slightly earlier on the last day.
The staggered end of day timings have been brought forward one hour as follows:

Front Entrance	Back Gate
2.15pm: Nursery	2.30pm: Year Four
2.20pm: Reception	2.35pm: Year Three
2.40pm: Year Five	2.30pm: Year Two
2.45pm: Year Six	2.25pm: Year One

Globe 2 will not be in school next week.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see lots of you at the Parent Forums this week and to be able to update you on how school is running at present and upcoming plans. The slides I shared with you are now on the Atwood website and can be found here: <https://arkatwoodprimary.org/pages/strips/parent-workshops>

One thing I was really pleased to be able to share is that after a very long wait, Westminster City Council are to implement a Street Scheme in the area around the school at the start and end of day. I know this has been a concern for many of you for a long time. I was hoping to be able to

share with you further details today (including sketches) but these have not published in time for me to include. As it stands, the key points are as follows:

- School Street Scheme is to be progressed for installation via an Experimental Traffic Order (ETO) and at a number of other primary schools.
- This will be signs and lines initially and the schemes will be monitored to understand the changing traffic and travel patterns that may occur as we transition out of lockdown.
- Step 1: School Streets to be installed with Experimental Traffic Orders for 18 months week beginning 19th April 2021 with signage only. Communication with ward councillors, school community, residents and businesses prior to installation. Communication and training provided
- Step 2: During first 6 months of installation, consultation will be undertaken as well as traffic camera monitoring to aid any amendments to reflect the changing traffic and travel behaviours. Ongoing communication and training
- Step 3: Experimental Traffic Orders will come to an end after the 18 month period and the lead cabinet member for highways will confirm whether the scheme can be made permanent.



When the sketch drawings are published and the website goes live, I will share these with you. Whilst things will be changing soon, please remember that it will always be important to drive slowly in areas around schools. Just this morning I had an understandable complaint from a local resident regarding a parent driving too fast down Amberley Road and was then very confrontational using inappropriate language.

Finally, next Wednesday is the last day of term (end of day timings are above). We will be setting holiday work for the children and this will be via the See Saw platform as before. We recognise that there was a lot of screen time during the period of home learning but we are planning to use See Saw for home learning going forward as it worked so smoothly previously. Teachers will be setting work linked to consolidation of core learning along with some other fun activities including the traditional Atwood House Points Challenge!

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn
Headteacher, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 19th May – KS2 & Nursery School Photos

Thursday 20th May – KS1 & Reception School Photos

Tuesday 4th May (3.00pm – 6.30pm) – Parents Evening

Thursday 6th May (4.00pm – 6.30pm) – Parents Evening

Year Six – VE Day

Today has been a World War 2 enrichment day in Year 6. The children all received new name tags and were split into groups as they were evacuated from the big city into the safer and quieter countryside. Welsh Cakes have been made along with old fashioned toys (ball in the cup). The air raid siren went off at the end of break time and the children put on their gas masks before filing into the underground shelter at Baker Street tube station where they wrote diary entries. This afternoon, it was time to put up the bunting and have a street party! *[Mr Evelyn: an enormous thank you to the Year 6 adults who spent an enormous amount of time preparing everything and making the day so wonderful for the children.]*

Have a look at Atwood Twitter to see the children filing into the underground shelter with their gas masks on: <https://twitter.com/ArkAtwood/status/1375416115657011200>



Atwood at the Tate Gallery

You may remember the Year 3 exhibition by Steve McQueen at Tate Britain a while ago. The then Year 3 class photos (below) were displayed at the gallery as part of 3,128 photographs on display. These have now been returned to the school and we will display them in the downstairs corridor. When parents are able to return on site you will be able to come and take a look.

Further information: <https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-britain/exhibition/steve-mcqueen-year-3>



Ark Easter Music Camp

Ark Music is offering an online camp for passionate young musicians who would like to take part in this three day holiday activity. This three-day camp will give students the chance to connect with like-minded young creatives, develop their musical skills and have fun through a series of musical workshops and creative activities led by their team of Artists in Residence.



Dates: Tuesday 13th – Thursday 15th April

Times: 10:30am – 12:30pm and 2:00pm -3:00pm (3 hrs per day)

Cost: Free!

Who is it for? All students are invited (most suited to Year 4 and above) – no choir/ensemble experience necessary! This opportunity is for students who love making music – instrumental or vocal – and who would like the opportunity to work with professional musicians in a focused but fun way. We are looking for students who are ready to commit to the three days, and who will really thrive from the experience. If you are interested in signing up, please email Miss Schofield on h.schofield-newton@arkatwoodprimary.org