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Public Health
England

Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze

- Catch it with a tissue
- Bin it
- Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

- After breaks & sport activities
- Before cooking & eating
- On arrival at any childcare or educational setting
- After using the toilet
- Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call NHS 111 for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings: gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit NHS.UK to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See NHS.UK for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am aware that many parents are concerned about the Coronavirus and the implications for schools. Please be reassured that we are receiving daily updates from the Department for Education, Westminster City Council and Ark Schools regarding the current position and the measures in place.

As a school we take this matter extremely seriously and will keep you updated of any potential changes in guidance. The most important thing we can do to ensure our students are healthy and happy is to maintain and promote effective personal hygiene (handwashing, eating healthily, exercise etc). We have purchased additional hand sanitizers and will continue to speak to the children about how to avoid common illnesses.

The image on the right is a useful document in providing guidance to schools.

Have a great weekend.

James Evelyn

Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

New Signing In System

On Monday, we will be installing a new signing in/visitor management system called Inventory. This brings us into line with most schools in having a safer and more secure way of monitoring who is on our site during the school day.

Visitors to the site will be required to submit their details, read and tick that they acknowledge our safeguarding procedures and will then be issued with a sticker that they will wear showing their name, their photo and the person they are visiting.

- For parents coming for meetings during the day, they must sign in following the same requirements as visitors
- Parents must not be coming into the school building to collect children early; if you have an appointment, please wait in the foyer area and your child(ren) will be brought to you.

Parent Forum

All parents are invited to our Spring term parent forum which will take place at **8.45am on Monday 23rd March.**

Parent Governor Update – February 2020

Hello Parents! We hope you have all settled back into the school routine following half term. A brief update following the recent Local Governors Board (LGB) meeting held on 30 January.

Discussions covered Finance, Fundraising, General School Update and Autumn Term progress and attainment. Providing a parent perspective into these discussions which affect the running of the school and the wellbeing and education of our children is one of our key aims as parent governors. As such some of the areas we are raising that have been communicated to us by other parents include concerns around school parking and child safety; feedback around school food and menus; the desire for clarity re the roof top garden; and a clearer understanding of current fundraising priorities.

Some of the actions being taken to address these include:

- School Meals: Headteacher meeting with chef to share concerns from parents and ensure appropriate standards are met.
- Parking: Awaiting local authority proposals for a School Street Scheme in the next month. School to explore hosting a consultation event for Westminster officials to hear directly from local residents.
- The Roof Garden - significant delay caused due to structural been deeming the surface unfit to use. Discussions ongoing to rectify.
- Fundraising priorities - have been published on the website along with a facility to donate directly to the school.

Alisa Hall & Vipul Bhargava, Ark Atwood Parent Governors

100 Days Smarter

This week Atwood had an influx of elderly scholars as Year 2 became... 100 Days Smarter! We have been counting our learning days since September and to celebrate reaching one hundred we held a full day event. Students dressed up in style, to look their 'learning age' with superb support from parents. Even their hair had turned grey! In class our learning was based around the number 100: what would the world be like in 100 years time? How can you make 100 with 100 different equations? Can you write a 100 word story? Construct a Lego building with 100 pieces? Create your own 100 themed booklet, make a 100 cheerio necklace... We were full of hundreds of ideas!



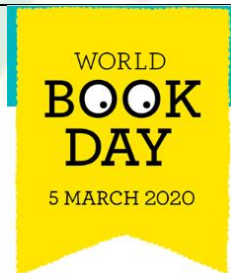
Poetry by Heart

Year 5 and Year 6 have been full of poetry performances this week as children perfect their delivery for the Poetry by Heart competition. More information can be found at www.poetrybyheart.org.uk.



World Book Day

Next Thursday is World Book Day. We can't wait to see all the children dressed up as their favourite characters. Look out for lots of photos and information in next week's newsletter.



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%**.

Whole School Attendance this week:

96.65%

Best Class Attendance this week:

NORWAY



Globe 96.49%	Mexico 97.5%	India 95.83%	Italy 99.17%	France 97.5%	China 92.08%	Barbados 97.92%	Norway 99.55%
Belgium 87.93%	Ghana 98.75%	Brazil 98.75%	Greece 96.67%	Spain 95.83%	Canada 98.71%	Australia 96.98%	



Singing into Spring

Shortly before half term, One Voice had another busy week as the Year 5s took part in the Ark music festival 'Sing into Spring'. Here the children took part in a creative workshop to compose their own music whilst also learning a new repertoire for the very exciting and upcoming Ark Gala in the summer. Well done to all who took part. They showed great musical professionalism.



Year 5 at the British Museum

Year 5 had a fantastic day on Monday exploring the British Museum. The children learnt about the 'Shang Dynasty' in preparation for their next Humanities topic, as well as having time to explore Ancient Rome and Greece. The children saw a selection of pot and artefacts from several Chinese dynasties.



Upcoming Dates

Date	Time	Event
12 th March	9.00am	Italy Class Assembly
13 th March		Y3 British Museum Trip
19 th March	9.00am	France Class Assembly
23 rd March	8.45am	Parent Forum
26 th March	9.00am	Spain Class Assembly
30 th March	3.15pm	Parents Evening
2 nd April	9.00am	Belgium Class Assembly
2 nd April	3.15pm	Parents Evening
3 rd April	2.00pm	End of Term
30 th April	9.00am	Brazil Class Assembly
7 th May	9.00am	Mexico Class Assembly
14 th May	9.00am	Greece Class Assembly
21 st May	9.00am	Ghana Class Assembly
1 st / 2 nd June		Y2 Residential
4 th June	9.00am	Barbados Class Assembly
11 th June	9.00am	China Class Assembly
18 th June	9.00am	India Class Assembly
22 nd - 26 th June		Y6 Residential
13 th July	tbc	KS1 Sports Day
14 th July	tbc	KS2 Sports Day

our fantastic trip to the London Transport Museum on Friday afternoon. We went on a to the London Transport Museum. The museum shows transport to London to the present. First we left Ark at Wood, then we then had a walk on the Choo. After we reach the London Transport Museum. Danya got us the stamp books. We collect the stamps. Next we had lunch on the 1st floor. We got to go up on the omnibus. Then we went down on the stairs. Then we went in the train. We got to get in 5th floor. After that we strolled down to the 1st floor.

Who is in the Spotlight?

In the spotlight this week is Lucy Smythe in Y1 Italy class. This is her fantastic recount of our trip to the London Transport Museum. She did a great job to include time conjunctions, past tense verbs and additional detail to engage the reader. Well done Lucy! 😊

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