



## Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Dear Parents and Carers,

A busy half term comes to an end today. I want to say thank you to all our parents for your support and continued observance of our ongoing COVID arrangements which I know do not make things any easier. This is the first school holiday since significant easing of lockdown so I hope you are able to have an enjoyable break and catch up with friends and family who you may not have seen for a while.

It was nice to see lots of you at our RSE Parent Forum earlier in the week. You can view the slides, including the Schemes of Work for all year groups, here: <https://arkatwoodprimary.org/curriculum/personal-social-and-health-education>. If you do have any further questions, please speak to myself or another senior leader.

Coming up shortly after half term is the Year 6 residential. We will be running a final parent forum for Year 6 parents on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June where we will give you final details and a chance to ask any additional questions you may have. (Details sent in a parent mail today).

A reminder that during the half term holiday, if your child tests positive for COVID having developed symptoms within 48 hours of last being in school, you should contact me via email straight away ([j.evelyn@arkatwoodprimary.org](mailto:j.evelyn@arkatwoodprimary.org)) so I can notify any others who have been in close contact with your child. If your child has a positive test having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since last being in school, there is no need to make contact with me,

Have a wonderful half term.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn  
Headteacher, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

## Friends of Ark Atwood Update

As restrictions have started to ease, the Friends of Ark Atwood team is excited about organising events and fundraisers to support the school. Last year we raised £1,200 for a green wall and we are currently looking at options to implement. Watch this space for more info.



**Coming up** We are also pleased to announce that we will have our first **SUMMER BAKE SALE** on 11<sup>th</sup> June! Cakes can be dropped off at the office, the morning of the bake sale. We are excited to see you there! We are pleased to announce that we are planning **INTERNATIONAL DAY** at the school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This event brings to life the rich and diverse cultures in our school. More info coming soon, any parents/carers who would like to get involved please reach out to us.

**Getting involved** Class reps: we are also looking for class reps for the nursery and reception classes!

Fundraising: we would love to get more parents involved in Friends of Ark Atwood; if you are a new parent and would love to meet other parents this is a great way!

Feel free to contact us on [atwoodfriends@gmail.com](mailto:atwoodfriends@gmail.com)

Your friends of Ark Atwood team!

## Author Letter

At Ark Atwood, you would be hard-pressed to find a reader who doesn't love the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' series! Haydar (Year 5 Spain) is no different and wrote to Jeff Kinney to let him know how much he enjoyed his books.

Although it took a little time, Haydar was thrilled to receive a reply from the author! We're super proud of Haydar for taking the time to write to his favourite author – maybe you could try it too!



May 10, 2021

Hayder Filali

Dear Hayder,

I'm sure you're a little surprised to be getting a letter from me now, years after you first wrote to me. I wanted to start by apologizing for letting so much time go by in responding.

When I started getting letters from readers, I tried to keep up. But as you can see I haven't done a great job of that!

Even though it's been quite a while since you sent your letter, I wanted to let you know how much it means to me that you wrote to tell me that you liked my books. Letters like yours have been the fuel that's kept me going. Your letter encouraged me to keep writing, and the fact that you sat down and put pen to paper says a lot about you as a person.

With all the time that has passed, it's possible you've moved on from the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series. If that's the case, I sincerely hope that the books provided you some happy moments during your childhood. And if you're still reading my books – well, that's pretty great!

The last year hasn't been a lot of fun, and it's been especially hard on kids. I hope you're looking forward to good times ahead when the world opens up. And if you ever want a few laughs, you can always dust off a *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book and dive back in.



## Governors Update

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May, the Atwood Governors met for their Summer 1 meeting. Below is a summary of the key points from parent governor, Jess Lipson.

*Following the post closure assessments, the school has followed a balanced and broad curriculum with intervention focusing on reading fluency and writing in particular. Staff are happy to have returned to classrooms. There is a positive atmosphere, and all pupils appear delighted to have returned; many needed the social element that school brings. Unfortunately, the bubbles impact the community feeling and limit direct communications with parents. Still, morale is high, and there is hope that things will continue to go back to normal.*

*The regular summer camp provider will be offering non-academic provision in the summer holidays and there is an ongoing discussion with the senior leadership team about what sort of summer provision can be provided. As Atwood is a pathfinder school for Ark's Digital Strategy, pupils in year 4 and above are getting laptops to continue learning at home. These devices are managed centrally and can only be used at set times. The school will be alerted if anyone uses inappropriate language or websites.*

*Lunch provision is under review. A new company is being employed from September to support structured play at lunchtime. This will include the transition from the academy to the pitch. The new careers programme has started and been a positive experience. Year 3 have just had the opportunity to meet an Easyjet pilot. The Headteacher is still gathering career profiles and would appreciate any more than can be offered.*

## P3 Summer Camp at Ark Atwood

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### SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAY CENTRE IN ARK ATWOOD

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Summer Dates:- Mon 26th July to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August  
Prices: £28.00 Per Child Per Day (Includes light breakfast and healthy afternoon snack) Please bring a pack lunch and water daily

Opening times: 8:am to 6:pm

Activities: Arts & Crafts, Jewellery Making, Hall Games, Dance Games, Sports activities, Parks, Wednesday's is our BIG COACH TRIP DAY

ALL PRE-PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE - TO CHANGE A DAY THE ADDITIONAL FEE WILL BE CHARGED

Book before the start of holiday for the DISCOUNT rate ONLY £24.00 per child per day

BIG Trips on Wednesday's- limited spaces due to coach space and social distance. If you book for Wednesday's please be aware the whole centre is going out for the day and there's an Additional Charge towards coaches and entrance fees, see where we're going below:

Wednesday 28th July Trip-Whipsnade Zoo- £10

Wednesday 4th August Trip-Black Park - £5

Wednesday 11th August Trip- Chessington- £15

All children **MUST** be with us between 7:45am and 8am on Trip days, have a rucksack for their pack lunch and be able to cope with a long day out!! Don't be late, we can't wait!!!

CC VOUCHERS  
ACCEPTED

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REGISTERED

FOR REGISTRATION, BOOKING AND PAYMENT CREATE AN ACCOUNT INCLUDING CHILD'S DETAILS VIA  
<https://p3charity.magicbooking.co.uk>

For more information email [linda.hamilton@p3charity.org](mailto:linda.hamilton@p3charity.org)  
or call Linda:-07875724227

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**DROP OFF AND COLLECTION VIA PLAYGROUND GATE**

## Achievement Assembly

As always on Friday, we celebrated two wonderful scholars from each class who have either personified the Atwood values or been true Atwood scholars producing great work. Congratulations to these children:

Class	Children
India	Eisa & Fatima
Mexico	Dylan & Hannah
France	Asia & Qasim
Italy	Musa & Iman
China	Ali & Mouna
Barbados	Fatima & Rayan
Norway	Sabira & Arad
Belgium	Kanon & Edwin
Brazil	Esmerelda & Hakim
Ghana	Yaseen
Spain	Yusra & Djad
Greece	Matilda & Eric
Canada	Wania & Amira
Australia	Bella & Samirah



## House Points

Congratulations to Enthusiasm House who won the House Points Trophy this week. Vihaan, House Captain, made the winners speech in Key Stage Two assembly this morning.



## Ark Quack-Wood Primary Academy



This week we welcomed a new member of the Atwood community who has taken up residence in the Roof Garden!

## Paddington Rec Nature Walk

On Tuesday, Year 1 went on a trip to Paddington Rec to go on a nature hunt and create natural sculptures inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. They had a wonderful time and created beautiful art masterpieces.



## Spotlight



In the spotlight this week is Sanah (Y2 China). Year 2 have been reading the Paddington books. They loved hearing about the adventures of the young bear and thought about how they can make difference in others lives by being kind.

