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**Newsletter, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019**

### Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's Newsletter is all about dates. Further down you will find a summary of dates for the summer term. I hope this is useful – it would be great to see lots of parents attending the various events happening during the term. The term dates for academic year 2019/20 are now fully confirmed and are on the website at <http://arkatwoodprimary.org/about-us/term-dates>

The opening of the Roof Garden is drawing closer and closer. A big thank you to Patti and everyone else who has dedicated so much time and energy to making this wonderful project become a reality. The official opening is on 21<sup>st</sup> May but I know Patti is in need of volunteers to help during the weekends beforehand. If you can spare the time, I know she would appreciate it.

Finally, I have been through the attendance data over time and the numbers for this week are the best they have been in a very long while. Thank you for your support with this - every day and every lesson really do count.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn

Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

### 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%**. Below are the attendance figures for this week.



The class with the highest attendance this week is:

**BARBADOS CLASS**  
*(just head of Belgium!)*

School	YN	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
97.75%	93.53	95.0	98.64	99.45	98.52	98.17	97.78	98.68

### Miss Lester smashes the London Marathon

We're sure many of you were out on the streets last Sunday watching the 2019 London Marathon. Many congratulations to Miss Lester who was doing her first marathon. Miss Lester has raised an amazing £3,410 (£3,700 with Gift Aid) for Children with Cancer. A massive thank you to everyone who has generously donated.



### Nursery and Reception Parents

Miss Thomson will be running a Parent Workshop for Reception and Nursery parents on our Early Excellence Tracker on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 3.30pm



We have been trialling a new assessment and recording system called EExAT developed by Early Excellence in our EYFS which marks a departure from Development Matters and Tapestry. The system is new and being trialled in 5 other Ark schools and is already in use in various schools nationwide.

We are now at the stage to open it up to Parents to be uploading and inputting their observations of their child's learning at home and we would love to hear from you and see what they are up to at home-it is vital that all voices and types of evidence are uploaded. You will be able to see photos and observations of what your child has been up to in school and what learning objectives they have covered and are meeting in their development.

Please join Miss Thomson on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm so she can show you the system and give you your access codes!

## Roof Garden: Official Opening

Dear Parents / Carers and Children

We are excited to be officially opening Maya's Garden, Ark Atwood's Roof Garden on Tuesday 21st May. So much love and work went into creating our beautiful roof garden and we couldn't be more pleased with the result.

The day will be an occasion to thank our funders and all who have been involved in the planning and creating. We would also like to take this opportunity for everybody to finally enjoy the space and celebrate together.

There will be an official private Opening Ceremony for our funders and supporters at 10am, with Karen Buck MP officially cutting the ribbon to open up the garden. A reception with cake and fun garden related activities will be open to all from 4.30pm to 7pm, please come and be part of this momentous occasion!

If anyone would like to volunteer and help on the day, please do get in touch.

Thank you  
Patti

### Battery Recycling

A big thank you to the many children and families who have brought in their used batteries.

Remember that these should never be thrown out in the rubbish so we need to recycle them safely.

We are collecting used batteries right up until June so please keep bringing them in.



### Year One Parents

With the Year 1 phonics check soon approaching in June, Miss Schofield and Mrs Woolhouse will be holding a parent's meeting on Thursday 9th May at 8:00 am in Italy classroom.

In the meeting, they will explain the format of the phonics check, key dates as well as giving strategies on how best to support your child in their reading. Year 1 is an incredibly important year for learning to read so we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

### Dogs at School

A number of parents bring their dogs to school when dropping off/picking up children.

Please can we ask that all dogs are kept off the school site. It is fine to tie your dog up outside the school gates but please do not bring them into the playground/building. Dogs can only be brought into school with the permission of the Headteacher.

## Roof Garden Open Morning



### Friends of Ark Atwood: Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the Summer Fair meeting. Notes will be distributed next week.

In the meantime, we are looking for the following volunteers/donations;

- Volunteers to run stalls
- Face painter
- Parents who work in supermarkets/shops where we can get water/drinks (juice, softdrinks) donated - Chefs -Prize donations -2nd hand items for the used uniform sale; just the green coloured clothing and in good condition -2nd hand books in good condition -Almost new toy donations

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

Thanks you so much for your support!

Have a lovely long weekend.

Your Friends of Ark Atwood team

## Summer Term: Diary Dates for Parents

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Bank Holiday	Roof Garden Open Morning		8am Phonics Parent Meeting  Norway Class Assembly  India Forest School 11.30-4	
<b>13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>
KS2 SATs Week (until Thursday)  3.30pm: EEXAT parent workshop			India Forest School 11.30-4	Y3 National History Museum Trip  Mexico Forest School 11.30-4
<b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>
KS1 SATs Week (All Week)	Atwood Roof Garden – Official Opening	AM Greece Class Food to Market  Year 6 Swimming begins	Ghana Class Assembly  Y5 Portobello market trip  Year 6 Swimming	Friends of Atwood Bake Sale  End of term (4pm)
				<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>
				Westminster Mile (External Event – Friends of Atwood forming a team)
<b>27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> May</b>
Half term				
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Term Begins	Year 2 Legoland Trip  Year 6 Lord's Cricket Enrichment Day	Year 6 Swimming	AM: Parent Forum  Year 6 Swimming  3.00pm Wind and Brass Performances Y5 and Y6  PM: Y6 All Things Abbey Quiz	Mexico Forest School 11.30-4pm
<b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Phonics Screening Check (All Week)  Reception Forest School	Y3 Victorians Trip	Topic Day  Year 6 Swimming  Ark Football Tournament  Year 2 Wallace Collection Trip	India Class Assembly  Year 6 Swimming	
				<b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>
				Summer Fair
<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>
	3.00pm Guitar and One Voice Performance	Usborne Book Fair  Year 6 Swimming	Barbados Class Assembly  Reception Forest School  Year 6 Swimming	Mexico Forest School 9-1pm

24 <sup>th</sup> June	25 <sup>th</sup> June	26 <sup>th</sup> June	27 <sup>th</sup> June	28 <sup>th</sup> June
Ark INSET Day – School Closed		Y4 Samba Performance  AM/PM Greece Class Food to Market  Year 6 Swimming  Friends of Ark Atwood Quiz Night	Y5 Samba Performance  Reception Forest School  Mexico Class Assembly  Year 6 Swimming	2017/18 Y6 Cohort visiting Maya's garden
1 <sup>st</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	4 <sup>th</sup> July	5 <sup>th</sup> Jul
Y6 Residential to the Isle of Wight (All Week)  India Forest School 11.30-4	3.00pm Y3 Recorder Performance		China Class Assembly  Reception Forest School	Mexico Forest School 11.30-4pm
8 <sup>th</sup> July	9 <sup>th</sup> July	10 <sup>th</sup> July	11 <sup>th</sup> July	12 <sup>th</sup> July
India Forest School 11.30-4pm	Y6 Paddington Academy Transition Day	3.00pm Instrumentalist Performance  Reception Induction afternoon  Greece Class Food to Market	Mexico Forest School 11.30-4pm	Reception Forest School
15 <sup>th</sup> July	16 <sup>th</sup> July	17 <sup>th</sup> July	18 <sup>th</sup> July	19 <sup>th</sup> July
India Forest School 11.30-4pm	Y6 Performance (either 16 <sup>th</sup> July or 17 <sup>th</sup> July)	School Reports sent to Parents	EYFS & KS1 Sports Day	KS2 Sports Day  Y6 Disco  Reception Odds Farm Trip
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	24 <sup>th</sup> July	25 <sup>th</sup> July	26 <sup>th</sup> July
Report Writing: Optional Parents Evening	Last day of term	Summer Holidays begin		