



# ARK Atwood Primary Academy

## Newsletter

Achieving Success

### Head teacher meet and greet

James Evelyn, Atwood's new Headteacher from January 2019 will be in Atwood on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. He is excited to meet the Atwood community and spend the day meeting the children, staff team and the pupil's families. If you would like to meet Mr Evelyn please come to the hall for 15.30, there will be a chance for Mr Evelyn to introduce himself and answer any questions you may have. We are very excited to welcome Mr Evelyn to Ark Atwood Academy.

### Christmas gathering

This year for Christmas to celebrate the end of the Christmas performances and the winter break you are invited to a get together in the Studio and in the playground for our annual fundraising Christmas event which will be held shortly after the last school performance of the year. There will be some festive food and drinks, a craft table and more. We'll also reveal the winning class of our penny jar challenge! This will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 3.40pm and finish at 5.30pm.

Help on the day at the stalls, or to bake cakes or with setting up and tidying up would be much appreciated. Get in touch with Friends of Atwood if you can help: [atwoodfriends@gmail.com](mailto:atwoodfriends@gmail.com).

This is what we still need:

- Cakes for cake stall
- Help to tidy up after 5.30pm
- Christmas carol music to be played

Thank you to those individuals for all of the hard work that has been going on behind the scenes to prepare for this key fundraising event in the school calendar.

### Christmas Performance

#### Nursery

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Globe 1+2 will be performing their Christmas songs in the classroom at 12.30. All nursery parents are invited to join in with the festivities.

#### Reception

Receptions Christmas Nativity will take place at 9.15am on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

#### KS1

In line with tradition there will be a Christmas around the world, 9am on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December in the hall.

#### KS2

Years 3 and 4 will be performing at 9am and Year 5 and 6 at 3pm, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December in the hall.

**We can't wait for you all to join us in the Christmas festivities!**



## Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you to Fiona McKenzie Johnston (Sholto & Esmeralda's Mum) and Miss Lester for leading on this



### SHOPPING LIST

Cereal	Snack bars	Baked beans
Coffee	Toothpaste	Tinned tomatoes
Tea bags	Shower gel	Tinned vegetable
Hot chocolate	Soap	Tinned meat/fish
Tinned sponge-pudding	Toilet Roll	Noodles
Tinned fruit	Milk (UHT or powdered)	Rice
Tinned rice pudding	Sugar (500g)	Pasta
Jam	Fruit Juice (carton)	Pasta sauce
Biscuits	Soap	Instant mash potatoes

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income.

The Food bank will provide a minimum of three days emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in North Paddington.



**THE NORTH PADDINGTON FOODBANK** IS LOCATED AT THE  
**WECH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ATHENS GARDENS, W9 3RS**  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY 9.30AM TO 12.30PM**

If you have any queries please contact:  
Gina or Phyllis at the WECH office on 0207 266 3347 or email [Npfoodbank@wech.org.uk](mailto:Npfoodbank@wech.org.uk)

We're working again with a charity very close to home: the North Paddington Food Bank, and running a 'reverse advent calendar' at school throughout December. Children and carers are encouraged to bring in donations, which we will deliver, thus helping to ensure that the food bank is well stocked for Christmas and the forthcoming winter months for the families who depend on it.

There's a handy shopping list of what they need here:

[http://wech.co.uk/images/pdf/np-foodbank\\_shopping\\_list.pdf](http://wech.co.uk/images/pdf/np-foodbank_shopping_list.pdf)

The boxes will be at the base of the stairs behind the library from Monday 3rd December.

### Atwood Christmas Tree

Pines and Needles, who have a pop-up shop on Shirland Road from Monday 17th November, are very kindly once again donating a Christmas tree to Ark Atwood which will arrive at the beginning of December. They are also kindly offering all Atwood parents who buy a tree from them a free gift such as holly or mistletoe. This is redeemable either online at <https://www.pinesandneedles.com> or at the pop-up shop: the code is FESTIVE 18

The trees are all organically grown and come from sustainable British forests, and Pines and Needles offer an installation and delivery service, and will take them and have them recycled in January, if you would like them to. They also support many wonderful charities - the full details can be seen on the website

### Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> we will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas jumper day. Children will be coming to school in their Christmas jumpers. All donations will go towards Save the Children.



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**



## Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The children will be enjoying a decorated hall, festive music and a lovely hot roast dinner. If your child would rather have a pack lunch please let the office know by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Turkey OR Halal Turkey OR Quorn Turkey Crown or Vegan Tofurky

#### **ALL SERVED WITH**

Roast potatoes

Carrots, Peas & Brussel Sprouts

Gravy & Vegan Gravy

#### **PUDDING**

Ice cream Log, Yule log and satsumas

## Atwood News



Great news! Work on the roof garden has finally begun! We will keep you informed as this develops and look forward to sharing what will be a beautiful new space at Atwood, with you!



## Children in need



Thank you for all the donations, we had the best time wearing our spots and raising money for children in need. Thanks to your help we raised a grand total of £365.28. This will all go towards a fantastic cause.

## Atwood volunteers

We are looking for 2 parent volunteers to support at Atwood. An adult to support in Nursery class 12-1pm, and another adult to support with play in the playground 12.00-14.00 each day.

If you are interested please contact Miss Rees, [j.rees@arkatwoodprimary.org](mailto:j.rees@arkatwoodprimary.org).