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Newsletter, Friday 1st March 2019

Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing half term. The school has hit the ground running this week and half term already feels like a distant memory.

This coming Thursday is one of the highlights of the primary school calendar – World Book Day. We all know that developing a love of reading in our children is crucial and next Thursday presents a great opportunity to help achieve this. If the '100 days Smarter' efforts of the Y2 children on Wednesday are anything to go by, we are in for a treat.

The Friends of Atwood are back! Following the parent meeting before half term, we now have a committee and are all set. The first event is on Friday 8th March to mark International Women's Day. Miss Rees will be running a yoga session followed by a drop in breakfast. Details further down the newsletter; if you are unable to make it, a cake sale is also taking place after school that day so you are very welcome to drop cakes etc off in the morning.

Best Wishes

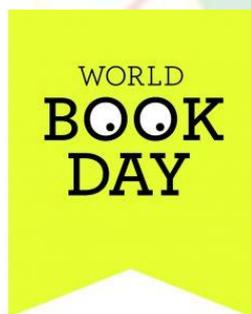
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Head of School, Ark Atwood

Reminder – School Closed on Monday 11th March

A quick reminder that Monday 11th March is a training day across all Ark schools. Atwood will therefore be closed on this day. If you need childcare with P3 on this day, offered from 8am to 6pm, please book via <https://p3charity.magicbooking.co.uk>. This must be booked by Monday 4th March. Pre-booking is £22.40 per day. P3 need 15 children booked in order to open. Credits will be given via Magic Booking accounts should P3 not be able to open.

World Book Day



It's that time of year again! On Thursday 7th March, Ark Atwood will be celebrating World Book Day! This brings an opportunity for children (and staff!) to transform into their favourite book character. Atwood's corridors and classrooms will be filled with Harry Potters, Horrid Henrys, Angelina Ballerinas, Elmers, Crayons and Twits!

The World Book Day website has lots of ideas and inspiration – please do take a look. We would encourage children to think creatively about their costume – can you use anything you already have? The winning costume from each class will receive a £5 book voucher! World Book Day raises money for Book Aid International – providing books for those who couldn't otherwise afford them.

Please bring £1 donations to the Office or to class. World Book Day £1 tokens will be sent home today so that children can use them this weekend.

100 days SMARTER in Year 2

On Wednesday 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 the teacher's hair had turned grey. But these were sprightly older scholars who strutted their stuff, showed off their dance moves and who's brain were sparking.



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! How could you celebrate 100 days of school? Can you think of 100 things you have learnt in school this academic year? Perhaps you could make a 100 Days Smarter poster for your classroom!



School Sleepover!

As part of our fundraising for Children with Cancer UK we are hosting a school sleepover on **Friday 22nd March 2019**. Due to this being a late after-school activity, we can only offer this to Key Stage 2 pupils. We propose to take your children off your hands from 7:30pm (after having dinner at home), where we will then have a disco and movie night before staying the night at school. We will then give the children breakfast in the morning before an 8:00am pick up in the



morning. We then ask in return, a minimum donation of **£25** to Children with Cancer UK or **£40** for two siblings. We appreciate that this is quite expensive but hope that it is competitive to that of an overnight babysitter. Plus your child will have great fun taking part in Atwood's first ever school sleepover, all for an amazing cause. Letters are going home this evening. If you would like to take part please return the letter to the school office by Friday 8th March 2019.

Year 5 Music

Greece class has been working hard on their music and band production! Year 5 have had the wonderful opportunity of learning a new instrument this year and also developing their own music and rhythms. We are extremely excited for our show coming up in a few weeks!



Friends of Ark Atwood are BACK!

Friends of Ark Atwood are up and running and have got lots of ideas for forthcoming fundraisers and events for our Atwood community. The next meeting is due to take place on **Friday 15th March** after drop off - do come along if you'd like to get involved, help with any existing events, or would just like to know more about what is being planned.

International Women's Day - Friday 8th March Miss. Rees is teaching a yoga class for Mums and daughters between 8.00am and 8.25am in the hall, which we're delighted to do again as it was a great start to International Women's Day last year. Everybody is then welcome to join us in the studio, from 8.30 - 9.00, for a drop in breakfast - please bring whatever you'd like to share. Additionally, there will be a bake sale after school that day, so do please bring in contributions for that! We hope that it will be a lovely way to celebrate the day and start the long weekend - remembering that Monday 11th March is an Inset Day.

Who is in the Spotlight this week?

This week the spotlight is on Year 4 Brazil's Alexa Whaley! Inspired by Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Alexa has created and described a scene from the Mad Hatter's Tea party!

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Gone! Alice obediently tiptoed towards a well-laden table, groaning under the weight of whistling teapots, skipping teacups and irresistible cakes. She reached out and took a sliver of victoria sponge and nibbled it politely. "What a nice cake!" Alice exclaimed. Suddenly, food flew in all directions as the attendees fought for their feet. Cascades of tea flooded the floor and sugar covered the trees like snow. The guests then sat down and gazed around at Alice. The cheerful sky darkened. "Hello!" Alice laughed. The sky became bright again and a radiant rainbow appeared in the sky.

"Off with your head!!!" came a shrill voice in the distance. The Queen of Hearts shoved past the knaves. Her eyes widened at the sight of her very own red velvet cake. The Queen sat down. "Sit up straight! Don't touch!" The table wobbled precariously as the guests turned out the Queen.

Out of the corner of her eye, Alice caught sight of a flask of orange. "I wonder what that could be?!" She pondered. "What's that? Be more specific, there's nothing there!" the Queen of Hearts thundered.