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Newsletter, Friday 8th February 2019

Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the start of this week, we marked Safer Internet Week with assemblies run by representatives from Google. It was one of those occasions that served as a reminder to all of us – adults and children – about the dangers posed by the internet and the need for ongoing education in being safe, thinking carefully about what we share online and protecting our privacy. There is more information about this below. Do speak to your children about this.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the **Friends of Atwood** meeting last week. This has now been **rescheduled for next Thursday 14th February at 8.45am**. Further details below but everyone is very welcome.

Finally, a reminder that we are looking to appoint a Parent Governor. Please read the details on the back and if you are interested, please follow the link provided.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn
Head of School, Ark Atwood



Shakespearean Spain Class Steal The Show

This half term, Year 5 have had the pleasure of working alongside the National Theatre. Each week, the children have had the opportunity to experience a literacy lesson with an actor and director of the National Theatre from the play, 'A Winter's Tale.'

Before heading off today to see a live production at the National Theatre, Spain Class put on a fantastic assembly featuring a review of their year and an extract from the Shakespearean classic, Romeo and Juliet – the theatre critics loved it!

Safer Internet Day

For Safer Internet Day (Feb 5th) KS2 had some visitors from Google's Education team to learn how to "Be Internet Legends" online by using our values of Being: "Kind, Brave, Sharp, Secure and Alert". We shared our ideas for what we could do in different situations online and how we should protect our privacy using strong passwords.

We strongly encourage families to continue discussing the importance of E-Safety at home. The Parent Zone website has a large number of resources to support adults whilst the "Be Internet Legends" site by Google Education teaches E-Safety to children through games.

<https://parentzone.org.uk>

<https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com>



Chinese New Year in the Nursery

This week the Nursery children have had Sophia and Helen's mums coming to the classroom to talk about how they celebrate Chinese New Year. Next week, Miss Sew will be running assemblies for children across the rest of the school.



Friends of Atwood

The rescheduled meeting is at **8.45am on Thursday 14th February** in the hall. Do please come along and support the group. Both myself and the group are keen to hear your suggestions and ideas for what you would like the Friends to do this year. There will also be an update on the roof garden. Tea and Coffee will be provided.

If you are unable to make the meeting but would like to get involved, please email the group atwoodfriends@gmail.com

End of the School Day

A reminder that school finishes at 4pm. If you are arranging to have your child/children collected by another adult, you must contact the School Office by 3pm at the latest, after that time we will be unable to let teachers know of any changes.

If we have not been informed of any change, we will not be able to let your child/children go until we can contact you for confirmation and this will not be done until the class teacher has dismissed the entire class. Please understand that this is for safeguarding reasons and the duty of care the school has towards all our children. If you have any questions or have any special circumstances, please speak to a member of the leadership team.

Walking Bus

We currently offer a Walking Bus service for some families that have difficulty getting to school on time. However, this service is only available if approved by Miss Rees or Miss Devonish.

If you feel you may need assistance, please contact Miss Rees or Miss Devonish to discuss whether your needs meet the criteria of the Walking Bus.

Great Fire of London Trip

On Wednesday, Year 1 had a fantastic time on their Great Fire of London trip. They became historians for the day, viewing the re-built St Paul's Cathedral and the great fire gallery at the Museum of London. Here they found plenty of historical artefacts and particularly enjoyed trying on an old fireman's hat and holding an old leather water bucket. It was a great, adventurous day. Thank you to all parents who supported us on the day.



Year 6 Art

As part of their World War Two topic, the Y6 children have been creating propaganda posters. The focus is on rationing in particular and will be followed up with cooking sessions based on rationed ingredients.



Roof Garden Pebbles

On Wednesday evening at 7pm, the Westminster Good Gym team came along (having just run from Oxford Circus), to help move about 100 bags of pebbles from the roof garden to the ground level. Within half an hour, the 16 volunteers helped us towards our goal of removing all of the pebbles from the roof garden. A huge thank you to the Good Gym for their amazing work. They have asked whether they can come back to finish off the job - but have asked for the bags to have fewer pebbles!



Thanks also to all the people who have responded to help and also to take bags of pebbles. If anyone happens to be around this Saturday morning to help shift some more bags (great for those arm muscles), please do get in touch with Patti patti_abroad@yahoo.com.au.

Can you be our Parent governor?

We are looking to appoint a parent of a child attending the school to join our Local Governing Body.

Role of the Local Governing Body: From overseeing what your children learn in class to making sure that building projects are delivered, governors are at the heart of our school's journey. Governors work together to support the school to ensure that the pupils are able to achieve to the best of their ability. A successful and effective LGB will:

- Monitor implementation of the school development plan and school finances effectively
- Act as a critical friend, developing a strong and supportive relationship with the Principal
- Not be involved in the day-to-day management of the school
- Consult and respond to the views and concerns of parents and pupils
- Be knowledgeable about the school

Further details about this position are in the 1st February Newsletter which can be found on the website. **The appointment process:** All parents, carers and guardians of children at the school are eligible to be candidates. If you would like to be considered, please complete the online form at <http://arkonline.tfaforms.net/2> by the **Friday 22nd February**. If you would like any support completing this online form or would like to use a computer in school to complete it, please contact the school office. Please make sure that when you complete the form, you add your personal statement in support of your nomination.