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Newsletter, Friday 14th June 2019

Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm not sure I have seen sustained rain like it! We have had wet play after wet play this week but the children have shown themselves, as they always do, to be resilient and to just get on with it. Well done them!

The good news is that the forecast looks significantly better for tomorrow – our annual Summer Fair. I'm sure it is going to be a wonderful occasion and, once again, I must thank Viviane, the Friends of Atwood Committee and everyone else who is helping out for giving up their time to support this event. They still need volunteers so if you are available, do please get in touch – I know it would be appreciated.

Finally, please don't forget that we have our **final Inset Day of the year on Monday 24th June**. P3 will be providing childcare as usual – see below.

Enjoy the weekend

Best Wishes

James Evelyn

Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

Green for Grenfell

As you will be aware, today is the second anniversary of the Grenfell tragedy. To show support for our local community, we will be wearing Green for Grenfell on Monday – this does not have to be school uniform. We will also be delivering assemblies to mark the anniversary.

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 whole school attendance figure for this week is: **97.08%**



The Key Stage **One** class with the highest attendance this week is: **BARBADOS**

The Key Stage **Two** class with the highest attendance this week is: **GHANA**

Year group attendance numbers for this week:



Atwood Writers

Scholars enjoyed their Able Writers Day with poet Neal Zetter at Kensington Central Library! Using top tips from the poet, children created their own

poem to describe what it might be like to first step on the moon. Watch this 'space' for the finished results!

Term Dates 2019/20

The Government has announced a change to one of the bank holidays next year. Next year's early May bank holiday will be moved back by four days to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. May Day is traditionally held on a Monday but will now be on Friday 8 May 2020. Our updated term dates are on the website.

Atwood Local Parking Arrangements

You may be interested to know that Westminster City Council has published a notice setting out changes to parking arrangements in the local area.

Details can be found online at <http://westminstertransportationservices.co.uk/tmo/estates/7484-Estate-Parking-Phase-2-NoP.pdf>

Atwood Annual Topic Day



KS2 were privileged to have PrimeVR join us on Wednesday for our second annual topic day. Stuart from PrimeVR was able to dive straight into an essential moment of history with our students. Each year group was given several virtual reality goggles and they were able to visualise this significant moment in history and most importantly, feel like they were taking part in it.



My experience with VR was out of this world! It really felt like I was there and that I have travelled back in time. The pictures were coming to life and it seemed as if the silhouettes were gazing down at me. The vivid illusions would linger around you and the fire seemed to light it's sparks before my eyes. I loved how realistic it felt! – **Lily year 5**

The pictures were so realistic; it was all happening around me. I really liked how when you'd turn your head, you could see something completely different. I could see every hair on the Vikings head and see the sweat dripping from the Viking's fighting. – **Ruby year 5**

The Virtual reality tour made me feel like I was actually beside the famous landmarks. The Great Wall of China was unbelievable! – **Jael year 6**

The pictures were so clear. I felt like I had no control over what I would see next. It made me wonder what the rest of the world looks like, I hope to see it some day! – **Cohen year 6**

It truly made me want to go and visit China and India. The view was something I would have never been able to see before. – **Ayah year 6**

I saw the Aztecs and felt like I was physically there. It was amazing being able to stand on the ground the Aztecs stood on. – **Isabella year 6**

Library News

Next Wednesday 19th June, we will host our final Usborne book fair of the year.

The children will get a chance to view the new titles during the day and choose one or more books that they might like someone at home to purchase for them. They will be given a wish list with their selections written on it to take home at the end of the day.

I will be on hand after school outside the library along with our Usborne representative, Jane Ireland. You are welcome to come along after school that day to browse our exciting selection, many of which have been personally selected by me from their most recent titles. Jane is able to take card payments in person for your children's selections and help with any queries you may have.

Orders can be placed at the office until the following Wednesday (26th), please include your child's wishlist and exact cash or cheque made payable to Jane Ireland in an envelope.

Any questions please email f.dalu-chandu@arkatwoodprimary.org

Ark Schools Football Tournament

On Wednesday, three teams (Y5/6, Y4/3 and Y2/1) from Atwood participated in the annual Ark Schools Football Tournament for west London schools held at Ark Burlington Danes Academy. Thankfully, the rain stopped for a few hours meaning that no one was soaked.



Congratulations to the Y5/6 team who came 3rd thanks to a nerve-wracking penalty shootout win again against Ark Bentworth. Congratulations also to Yunis Linton who won the Y5/6 Golden Boot!



Friends of Atwood: Update

The Summer Eco Fair is finally here! We have been working very hard to organise an incredible day for everyone, it takes place this **Saturday from 12-4 pm, there is £1 entry for adults only** and includes a ticket in the draw for a beautiful Harrods Hamper!



**How can you help: Please drop of cakes for our Cake sale at the fair!
We will also need more volunteers on the day.**

PRIZES!!! Our team has also secured many, many prizes valued over £1500 for our lucky tree, where you buy tickets for your chance to win one of the below prizes:

Magnum bottle of Champagne, 4 Science Museum tickets, RCup, Bird Feeder made of recycling material, 2 Adult tickets for the Transport museum + 2 kids, 2 vouchers for Cook - value £20 each, 3 vouchers at Murasaki Sushi - value £100 each, 1 Family bowling session, Gambado Play Session for 4 people (including 1 adult), Hotpod Yoga 5 sessions, 5 vouchers for children's haircuts, 2 pack x 2 swimming vouchers, 6 month weekly subscription to the Week Junior, Family day passes for the Porchester centre, Swimming lessons

with Swimming Nature, Manicure @ Wonderlust, Paintball sessions 10 tickets for 10 people, Beginners yoga class @ Ivengar Yoga in Maida Vale.

We are looking forward to seeing you there and enjoying many new activities like our boat race, fishing bowl game, bag for life crafts, up cycling workshop, sumo wrestling and many many more!

All funds raised go towards the school. Don't forget to drop off cakes and let us know if you would like to help on the day.

As we are trying to reduce the use of plastic, feel free to bring your own containers and cutlery. This way you can also take some food home!

Let's hope for beautiful weather!

Your Friends of Ark Atwood team.

24th June Inset Day – P3 Arrangements

Please be reminded that P3 are planning to offer a service to parents on the upcoming

Parents should book via <https://p3charity.magicbooking.co.uk>. The pre-booking rate is £22.40 and ends on the 17th June or full rate of £28 after per child can be paid afterwards.

