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**Newsletter, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

### Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Suddenly it is half term! I hope everyone has enjoyed the first half of the spring term. I certainly have – it has been fantastic meeting everyone and getting to know the Atwood community. Speaking of community, yesterday, we had a successful Friends of Atwood meeting where we talked about how the group would work going forward and shared fundraising ideas. It was great to have so many of you attend; if you were unable to attend and want to be involved, please email [atwoodfriends@gmail.com](mailto:atwoodfriends@gmail.com) for more information.

On the second page of the newsletter are the draft dates for the 2019/20 academic year. The term dates are confirmed but we are just waiting for the finalised Ark training days. Once these have been confirmed, and there will be one in each term, I will share these with you.

There has been lots of illness around over the past few weeks so please rest up, relax and enjoy half term. I look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 8.25am.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn  
Head of School, Ark Atwood

### Reception Children visit Paddington Station

Reception had a fantastic trip to Paddington station last Tuesday. The children brought their own teddies to school and made marmalade sandwiches to take on the picnic. The children enjoyed finding Paddington bear statues and were very well behaved throughout the trip 😊



### Climate Change School Strike

By Clara Anglade, Year 6 Canada

Thousands of schoolchildren all across the country are going 'on strike' today in protest about the dangers of climate change. The main protest is taking place outside the Houses of Parliament. This movement was inspired by Greta Thunberg, a 16-year old schoolgirl who first held a solo protest outside the Swedish parliament last August.



Children are concerned about growing up in an unstable environment, knowing that soon it will be their responsibility to care for the planet. They want adults to step up and take action *now* and are frustrated at the lack of government initiative around the world.

### Year 2 at the V & A

Year 2 had a fantastic time exploring the art and design collections at the V&A. We explored a range of ancient and modern objects from around the world and learnt about their passage to the UK. Did you know the emperor's throne from China was stolen by treasure hunters 100 years ago? We were lucky to have a workshop in the Japan gallery where we were shown how to make a kimono and even try one on! Did you know it takes 9000 silk worms to make a kimono?



### Parent Governor

A final reminder that the deadline for Parent Governor Applications is next **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. Please follow this link to apply: <https://arkonline.tfaforms.net/2>

### Half Term Computer Courses

Over half term, Riva Learning is running 'Introduction to Coding Using Scratch' camps at the school. The price, with the 40% reduction, is £248 for the week (use code: ARK). Places are limited. To book go to [www.rivallearning.com](http://www.rivallearning.com)

## Year 6 Visit to Churchill's Underground Bunker

Last week Australia Class delved back in time to Churchill's secret underground bunker where they walked in his steps, in the exact location of the hub of allied power. Exploring espionage, cartography and the sleeping quarters of the key players of World War II, they immersed themselves in the events of the turning points in our history. Canada Class enjoyed the same trip today – look out for their pictures on Twitter.



## Atwood Singing Into Spring



Yesterday the Year 5 and 6 One Voice students took part in the Ark singing festival Sing into Spring. They rehearsed a range of repertoire from the mysterious and wicked 'Double Trouble' to the fun and charismatic 'Beautiful Creatures'. In the afternoon they took part in a creative workshop where they created their own song about being proud of your own individualities. The day ended with a celebration concert singing all the beautiful music we had created in the day. A huge Well done to all.

## Roof Garden Update/Volunteers Needed

Easter feels like a little time away yet, but it seems right to start planning and organising the next phase of the roof garden. As the weather warms up, we will be ready to get as many people together to help build our garden - hoping to do some of this during school hours as well as weekends to allow parents, children and teachers the opportunity to take part in creating a wonderful space.

Most of the jobs that need doing, would require some labour, no real skills needed, just a sense of adventure, common sense (for safety reasons, using tools) and enthusiasm. So if you are at all keen on a specific part of the garden build, or the general overall, pop me an email so I can start the planning. The garden build should hopefully take place end of April and beginning of May.

1. Planters / containers / raised beds
2. Compost area
3. Water butt to collect rainwater - research into the better ones
4. Greenhouse
5. Tool shed
6. Plaque for the garden thanking all of our funders
7. Garden sign
8. Planting all the plants we will grow



The last job is to plan and organise an official launch. If you would like to help with this, please let me know (looking at the end of May.) Thanks for your support. [patti\\_abroad@yahoo.com.au](mailto:patti_abroad@yahoo.com.au)

# DRAFT Term dates 2019-20



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- School days
- School holidays
- Bank holidays
- School inset days
- Ark inset days (tbc)



Note: Term dates are confirmed. Inset dates are subject to change and the three Ark inset dates are still to be added.