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Ark Atwood Primary Academy
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Newsletter, Friday 18th January 2019

Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, it has been lovely to meet so many of you over the course of the last night fortnight. Thank you for taking the time to come and say hello.

As I mentioned previously, I am keen to build up communication between the school and our parent community and a key part of this is through the Friends of Ark Atwood. The Friends of Ark Atwood consists of **all** parents and carers of children attending the school – everyone is welcome! The group fundraise and organise social events to support the school community.

The next meeting is at **9am on Thursday 31st January** 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

Best Wishes

James Evelyn
Head of School, Ark Atwood

Amberley Road Traffic Update

This week we met with the Westminster Council Traffic Department regarding proposals to improve safety and ease congestion at the start and end of the school day. This is a continuing cause of concern for many parents. You will therefore be pleased to learn that things have really moved forward and that the council will shortly be publishing a twelve-week consultation with local residents about their proposals. Look out for this and be sure to share your views.

Pyjamas On!

We are raising money for Children with Cancer UK, by wearing our pyjamas to school! Atwood's school council (the class ambassadors and prefects) are very keen to plan ways Atwood can raise money to help charities and to have fun! Please can your children bring in £1 to donate to hand to their teachers.

Attendance Champions

Every term, all children with 100% attendance are put into a draw to receive a free scooter. Big congratulations to the autumn term winners:

- Aliyah (Reception India)
- Mason (Y2 Barbados)
- Shaker (Y3 Norway)

Every day and every minute matter so please do everything you can to ensure your child is in the Spring term draw.

Reminder Residential Instalments

A quick reminder that Y2 and Y6 parents are making contributions to the residentials that are coming around fast.

- Y2 need to pay their remaining £50
- Y6 your next £50 is due

Please make payments to the office.

Parent Volunteers Needed!

Playground: We are looking for a couple of parent volunteers to support 12.30-14.00 in the playground, promoting positive play and play support. If you are interested, please contact Miss Rees on j.rees@arkatwoodprimary.org

Chess Club: We are hoping to start a Y5 Chess Club ideally twice every week from 1.00 to 1.30. If you are interested, please contact Miss Lester on s.lester@arkatwoodprimary.org

Times Tables: We are starting a Times Tables Club to support children in developing their understanding. We are keen to run sessions from 8.30 – 9.15 and 3.00 – 4.00. If you would like to support with this, please get in touch with Elly Vidal indicating which dates and times you can do. Parents from all year groups are welcome to support. Email: e.vidal@arkatwoodprimary.org

Titanic learning in Year 2

Did you know the Titanic was the length of three football fields? To




launch our new topic, Year 2 conducted our own research of the Titanic. As a group we read factual information and presented our new facts with the rest of the class using creative actions.

Enthusiasm – House Points Winners!

On Monday 1st February Enthusiasm house will be able to come into school wearing their house colours (non-uniform) to celebrate ending Autumn term with the winning house points score! Well done Enthusiasm! We look forward to seeing you celebrate your win by wearing purple clothes.








Friends of Ark Atwood

New year, new start!

Join us, if you can, for a meeting on **Thursday 31 January** at 9am.
Update on the roof garden and together let's come up with fundraising ideas and social events for our school.



Spring 1 Diary

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21	22	23	24	25
8.45 London Marathon Assembly (KS2) Clubs begin	8.45 London Marathon Assembly (Rec & KS1) Year 1 Swimming (France Class) Rhythm Studio Starts Year 6	National Theatre Shakespeare project Year 5 Rhythm Studio Starts Year 5	Italy Class Assembly Y5 Art Club 1pm	Achievement Assembly KS2- 8.45 EYFS/KS1- 9.15 I can be trip (Kerisha and Elliot plus 8 pupils) Author Visit Non-Uniform Pyjamas day to raise money for UK Children with Cancer
28	29	30	31	1 February
Reception Balance Bike Training all week (1 class) One Voice Choir at Young Voices Performance at O2 Arena	Year 1 Swimming (France Class) Rhythm Studio Starts Year 6	The Healthy eating assemblies 8.45 Year 5 and 6 9.05 Year 3 and 4 9.25 Year 1 and 2 Year 5 National Theatre Shakespeare project Rhythm Studio Starts Year 5	Y5 Art Club 1pm	Achievement Assembly Enthusiasm House: house colours uniform day KS2- 8.45 EYFS/KS1- 9.15
4	5	6	7	8
<u>Safer Internet Week</u> Parent Zone with Google Internet Safety Assemblies Year 3 /4 – 9am – 9:30 Year 5 /6 –10am –10:30 Year 1 Swimming Ends (France Class) Reception Balance Bike Training all week (1 class)	Ark Music Year 1 Swimming (France Class) Rhythm Studio Starts Year 6	National Theatre Shakespeare project Year 5 Rhythm Studio Starts Year 5	Spain Class Assembly Y5 Art Club 1pm	Achievement Assembly KS2- 8.45 EYFS/KS1- 9.15 Year 5 Visit to watch A Winter's Tale I can be trip (Kerisha and Elliot plus 8 pupils) Year 2 trip to the V&A
11	12	13	14	15
	Year 1 Swimming (France Class) Rhythm Studio Starts Year 6	Diabetes Awareness Assembly 8.45 Year 5 and 6 9.15 Year 3 and 4 9.45 Year 1 and 2 Rhythm Studio Starts Year 5	Y5 Art Club 1pm	Achievement Assembly KS2- 8.45 EYFS/KS1- 9.15 Break up for Half Term