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Newsletter, Friday 22nd March 2019

Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been assessment week and I know from dropping in on different classes, just how hard the children have worked. Results are obviously very important but of equal importance is the knowledge we get from testing – knowing more about children’s strengths and where the gaps are in their learning. Do please speak to your children about what they found tricky and ask their teachers how you can best help them where they have struggled.

On Monday, I wrote to all parents via Parent Mail regarding traffic around the school site at the start and end of the day following a number of complaints. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of road safety so that children can come to and from school safely. If you need to drive your children to school, please think carefully about the speed you are driving at, how you interact with other road users and where you park remembering that double yellow and zigzag lines are not for parking. As mentioned in the letter, there are going to be more local patrols happening and plans are in the pipeline from Westminster to help alleviate some of the issues.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn
Head of School, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

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 weekly attendance figures for each year group.



The class with the highest attendance this week is:

CHINA & BARBADOS

School	YN	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95.75%	80%	95%	94%	100%	96%	95%	96%	95%

Comic Relief at Ark Atwood

On Friday 15th March Ark Atwood joined schools and workplaces around the country to fundraise for Comic Relief’s Red Nose Day campaign. Atwood raised a whoosh-worthy £317.96! Across the country over £63 million has been raised to help create a world free from poverty and we are very glad to have taken part. You can continue sharing personal donations on www.comicrelief.com



Brilliant Belgium Class Assembly!

Belgium Class relished their moment in the limelight last Wednesday. They showcased their Greek Mythology Literacy topic with an amazing performance of Persephone and the Pomegranate Seeds (the musical). The story explains how, according to the Ancient Greeks, the four seasons came to be. The children worked exceptionally hard to co-write the script and learn their lines and singing parts, adding their own twist to this age-old myth. They performed with such energy and enthusiasm that Miss Johnson couldn’t be prouder. Well done Belgium class!



Parents Evening – 1st & 4th April

Please don’t forget to sign up for the upcoming parents evening. This can be done on Parent Mail or through the school office. Parents Evening timings:

- Monday 1st April: 4.15pm – 6.30pm
- Tuesday 4th April: 4.15pm – 7.30pm

Last Day of Term

Parents are reminded that as usual, school finishes at **2pm** on the last day of term (Friday 5th April). There will be no P3 club after school on this day. Please ensure children are collected promptly at 2pm.

Friends of Ark Atwood – Easter Update

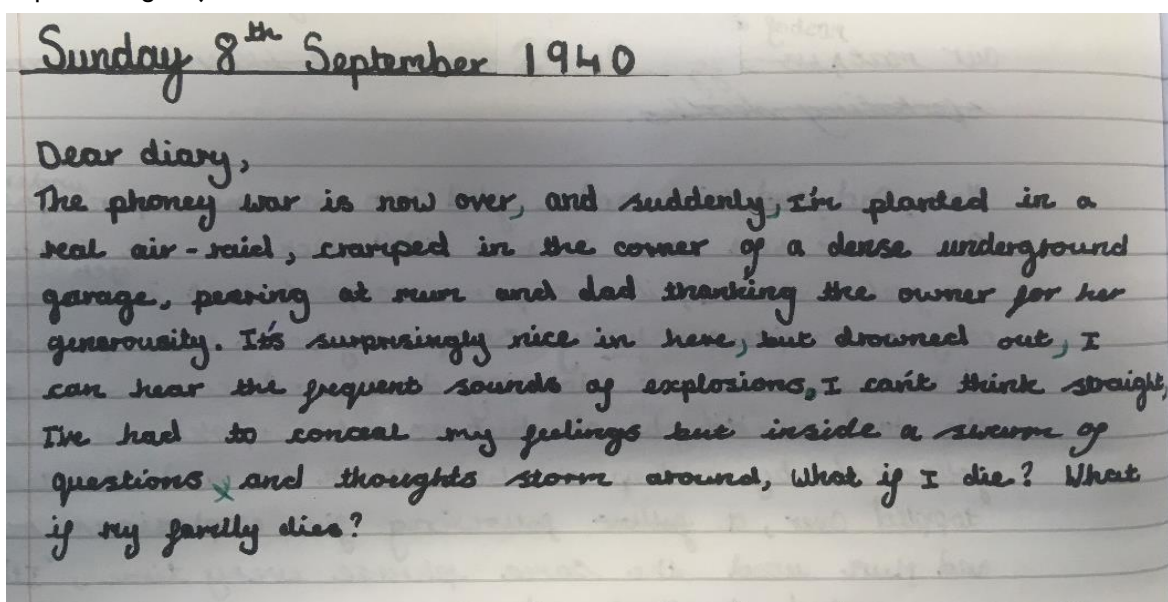
The Friends of Ark Atwood are organising a bake sale and Easter Egg competition.

1. **Easter Egg Decorating Competition!** Dipped, swirled, dyed and sculpted.... these ideas for Easter will achieve Eggs-tordinary results! You can decorate a hard boiled egg or make an egg from paper mâché. You can decorate the shell by itself or use the shell as a base for something else... for instance, you can give the egg a personality and make an egg person. All entries to be sent in on the 4th of April and they will be judged on the 5th of April. Prizes and certificates for each class. We ask for a discretionary donation for entry, suggestion £1 per egg.
2. We will organise an **Easter bake sale** on the 5th of April! With a prize for the most creative Easter themed homemade cake! *Please remember no nuts.*



Who is in the spotlight this week?

This week the spotlight is on Deja Vitry-Deane (Y6 Canada). Year 6 have been using their historical imagination to envisage what life would have been like for a child in London during the Second World War. In this diary extract, Deja describes her harrowing experience of the first night of Blitz. Super writing, Deja!



P3 ARK ATWOOD HOLIDAY PLAY CENTRE



Opening times: 8am to 6pm



Holiday Dates

Easter: Monday 8th April to Thursday 18th April

May Half-Term: Tuesday 28th May to Friday 31st May

Summer: Thursday 25th July to 16th August

Inset days: Tuesday 23rd April & Monday 24th June (Inset days will only go ahead if there's high demand)

Prices: £28.00 Per Child Per Day (Includes light breakfast and healthy afternoon snack) Please bring a packed lunch

Activities include: Arts & Crafts, Jewellery Making, Parachute games, Hall Games, Dodge Ball, Obstacle Courses, Dance Games, Sports activities, Off-site Trips (May incur an extra cost), Face Painting plus so much more...

Book 1 week before the holiday to get 20% DISCOUNT

ALL PRE-PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE!!!

Registration and bookings <https://p3charity.magicbooking.co.uk>