



# ARK ATWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER

1<sup>st</sup> December 2016

Have courage and be kind

### Updated Diary events November and December

#### November

Please try to bring in donations for the Reverse Calendar.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

**FINAL SALSA** after school club  
15.30 Poetry Slam performance for Y5 parents (hall)

#### December

**Remember to plan time to make and decorate a tree for the school competition.**

Tues 6<sup>th</sup>

14.30-15.30 Spain Class last session @ Rhythm Studio + **Performance to parents from 15:00 – 15:30**

Wed 7<sup>th</sup>

14:00 – 15:00 pm KS2 One Voice Choir carol performance at Amberley Centre.

**16.45 Clarinet Violin and Flute group performance to parents (in separate rooms)**  
Nursery Parent's meets: all day – in Meeting Room

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>

**8.45 Spain class assembly**  
Year R Hand Hygiene workshops in school  
**CLUBS FINISH TODAY**  
19.00 Parent Forum – Studio

*The school calendar is quickly filling up with important dates that we all try not to miss: end-of-Year shows, Class assemblies, school trips and more.*

*Top tip: all Coo members get these dates automatically into their calendars AND if 150 NEW people join before the Christmas holidays, Friends of ARK Atwood will receive a £250 donation.*

*How can YOU help?*

*- Download the app at <https://www.letscoo.com/app> (yes, multiple parents/Carers can join)*

*- Enter the code for your child's year group:*

Nursery: 2BAUSR

YR: ARK/MEX

Y1: PDMXVK

Y2: CVA4MS

Y3: SRTBP5

Y4: ZASGCD

Y5: DYM2SG

Once you have joined, you will also get added to the overall ARK Atwood Coo Group.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Anne-Sophie (Constance & Gabriel's mum) on [asm015@gmail.com](mailto:asm015@gmail.com)

Just a few clicks on our smartphones and a lovely donation to our school: it's that easy!

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – School Closed – Teacher Training Day

Mon 12<sup>th</sup>

Last Year 1 Swimming of Term  
9 – 12 One Voice choir Christmas music rehearsal (off site)

Tues 13<sup>th</sup>

**Year R trip to London Zoo**

Wed 14<sup>th</sup>

**HAND IN YOUR DECORATED TREES TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER FOR THE COMPETITION**

9am Nursery Globe 1 Christmas performance for parents –Hall

14:00 Nursery Globe 2 Christmas performance for parents

16:45 Nutcracker performance by Streetdance and Drama combined groups – Hall

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>

13:30 Y2 visit Lyric Theatre: Aladdin

**15:00 Reception Winter Performance to Parents**

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> **NON UNIFORM DAY** Wear Christmas Jumper – donations to **Save the Children**

9:00 and 14:30 **KS1 Christmas Show for parents**  
Christmas Lunch for pupils

**Winter Fair 16:00 – 18:00**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup>

9:00 – 15:00 One Voice Christmas performance (Tri-borough) @ Royal College of Music

Tues 20<sup>th</sup>

9:00 **KS2 Christmas songs to Y3 parents** (Hall)

Y1 visit Lyric theatre: Father Christmas

15:15 **KS2 Christmas songs to Y4 parents** (Hall)

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

9:00 **KS2 Christmas songs to Y5 parents** (Hall)

**School finishes 14:00**

**END OF TERM**

### Year R Winter Performance

In our school there is a mix of many different religious groups. Our RE curriculum and assemblies draw from world faiths and we take a non-denominational approach more fitting to our multi-faith community. Contributing to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils is an important aspect of what we do and is a curriculum requirement. We aim to provide children with an introduction to some of the key festivals celebrated by world faiths. Our Year R winter performance tells the Christmas story (in a very low key way) and it is put in the context of 'this is what Christians celebrate'. At all times we discuss that children have different faiths or none and this is always respected. As a school we don't take a viewpoint but make children aware of different religions, cultures and festivals which is important as they develop their knowledge and understanding of the world.

I do hope you find this information useful. If you wish to discuss any aspect of our RE or collective worship practice in more detail then I will be only too happy to do so.

**Daniel Upfield**  
Headteacher

#### Library

A reminder that the library is open until 5pm on Wednesdays to give families a chance to help their children choose books, to enquire about what books they currently have on loan and to just enjoy the space and read together. We have noticed that parents are starting to be aware of this and using the opportunity to pop in but I'd love to see more.

Thanks,  
Fiona Dalu-Chandu  
Atwood Librarian

#### **WINTER FAIR – FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 16:00 – 18:00**

Fiona has now approached a number of people and had offers of help running various stalls for this event – a huge thank you to those who said yes. It is the hope that the Fair will need a little bit of help from a lot of people and will be enormously successful. Please see Fiona (Sholto's mum) for stalls items for sale, children's games and helping set up and clear up; or Bouchra (Adam R Y4 mum) if you can help with food and drink donations or helping serve, set up or clear out.

There will be a **Tree Decorating competition** which will be judged on the 14<sup>th</sup> December– the tree should be made of card (cereal packet is perfect) and attached to a base. The maximum height should be no bigger than A4. It should be decorated however your child likes and there will be prizes for each key stage for: The Most Creative, The Most Ambitious, and the One Which Tells the Best Story. Mr Upfield will judge and the winners will be put in the trophy cabinet in time for the Winter Fair on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**The Reverse Advent calendar is now open...please bring donations to the bottom of the stairs by the Van Gogh sunflowers!**

## After school clubs

It is again time for the allocation of after school club places. As I am sure you are all aware, we have very high demand for these clubs and we cannot guarantee every child a place.

We will be as fair as possible, but if your child does not get a club this term, their name will be added to a list for next terms club allocation and he/she will have priority for these places.

- There is no first past the post system in operation.
- You will be informed of club allocations in a letter on Monday 19th December. After school clubs run from 4pm- 5pm (unless otherwise indicated).
- Clubs will commence on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and will finish week ending Friday 24th March 2016.

To pay for staff/coaches/materials we ask for a nominal fee that will help us to break-even on our enrichment programme. Our suggestion is £10 per club per term which equates to £1 per session which needs to be paid **BEFORE** commencement of clubs. We do not want children to be unable to attend a club due to cost and would encourage you to talk to us if paying a fee is difficult. A letter is going out today - please ask in the office for a copy if you don't have one