



### Achievement certificates

Congratulations to these children who received their certificate in class on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015

#### Scholar of the Week Certificate

Persie	India Class
Raphael	Mexico Class
Leena	France Class
Isabella	Italy Class
Qaali	Barbados Class
Maria	China Class
Lily Mc	Belgium Class
Deja	Norway Class
Mahmoud	Brazil Class
Ebrahim	Ghana Class

#### Values Certificate: Achievement

Retaj	India Class
Rayanna	Mexico Class
Wania	France Class
Walid	Italy Class
Amir	Barbados Class
Aneesa	China Class
Jonas	Belgium Class
Tasnim	Norway Class
Rayya	Brazil Class
Tom	Ghana Class

### Next Week @ Atwood

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Choir group sing at Amberley Estates 13.30 – 14.30  
Year 3 Trip to Bond in Motion

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Year R to London Zoo Nativity  
16:00 FoAA Y3 Cake Sale

**CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL FINISH THIS FRIDAY**

### This Week's Attendance

#### Reception

India	96.5%
Mexico	97.9%

#### Year 1

France	92.1%
Italy	93.8%

#### Year 2

Barbados	98.3%
China	96.3%

#### Year 3

Belgium	94.6%
Norway	97.9%

#### Year 4

Brazil	97.5%
Ghana	96.7%

Congratulations to Barbados Class!

#### Late Arrivals

The gates open at 8.25am and are closed at 8.35am. Thank you for the huge effort you are making to get into the school before the gates close. The register in class is taken at 8.40 so children not in the classroom then will be entered as late.

Class	Rank	Points
India	=3	32
Mexico	=1	32
France	=7	0
Italy	10	0
Barbados	=7	5
China	=7	0
Belgium	=3	2
Norway	6	6
Brazil	=1	10
Ghana	=3	2

## International Day

Press release from Ark following our International Day last Friday:

### Ark Atwood Primary Academy marks International Day – with live assembly from India



Lots of schools have International Days to celebrate world culture, but a local primary school in Little Venice has been marking the day in a truly international way – by hosting their first ever assembly with a sister school over 4,000 miles away.

Children at Ark Atwood Primary Academy, which is rated “Outstanding” by Ofsted in all categories, started their International Day with a live video assembly over Skype with Ark Lajpat Nagar III, a new primary school in South Delhi. Both Ark Atwood and Ark Lajpat Nagar are members of Ark, a network of high-performing schools – with Ark Lajpat Nagar being the first school set up outside of the UK by a major British schools network.

Ark Atwood’s pupils, who came to school dressed in outfits from dozens of different countries and cultures, sang ‘You’ve got a friend in me’ to the children of Ark Lajpat Nagar – followed by the Delhi pupils responding with their song in Hindi. As part of their school link, the pupils at Ark Lajpat Nagar sent drawings of themselves to be displayed at Ark Atwood and, in return, Ark Atwood’s pupils are working to send projects describing their lives in London.

The children also heard from Atwood teachers Stephanie Lester and Ffion Evans, both of whom had worked at Lajpat Nagar over the summer holidays through Ark Fellows, an Ark programme which places teachers in schools in India and Uganda to help develop professionally. Milo, 8, said: “I think that Miss Evans and Miss Lester have done a great job to go and work in India during the summer, rather than just relaxing on their holiday.”

Ms Evans said: “The children at Ark Lajpat Nagar come from very, very poor backgrounds and a lot of them used to be in the streets before the school was set up. We met one boy, Krish, who the school’s Principal had found begging on the street. He’s now in the school and very happy to be there.”

Daniel Upfield, Principal at Ark Atwood, said: “It was incredibly exciting to have our first ever international link-up with our sister school in Delhi to show that Ark Atwood is part of a wider, global community.”

Taha, 8 and a Year 4 Pupil at Ark Atwood, said: “I was inspired by the way Krish didn’t give up and he ended up in a school that provides him with the best education.”

I would also like to thank all of the parents and carers that made the day such a success. From preparing and sharing delicious food, coming in to classes and delivering fascinating cultural talks and craft activities and dressing your children in fabulous outfits your contribution was invaluable. It was a record day on Twitter for us with so many people interested in what we were doing. A lovely day celebrating the diverse cultures that make our school community so rich as well as looking outwards to a school and community thousands of miles away!

Mr Upfield

## Christmas Lunch



The Atwood Christmas lunch will be served on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

There is no need to order in advance. Chef Christina has a clear picture of dietary requirements/preferences and sufficient quantities of each main dish will be prepared.

### MENU

Turkey

OR

Halal Turkey

OR

Quorn Vegetable Fillets

### ALL SERVED WITH

Roast potatoes  
Honey roast parsnips  
Yorkshire pudding  
Seasonal vegetables

### PUDDING

Christmas Brownies with cherries

OR

Raspberry sorbet

**Following parental feedback, this year we are offering both halal and non-halal turkey**

**If your child has specific dietary requirements that aren't met by the above choices, Chef Christina will prepare an alternative main course.**

## Parent Governor Elections

I am delighted to inform you that we have received six applications for the role of parent governor! This is the most of any Ark school that has recruited this year! Great that Atwood parents are so committed to being involved.

On next week's newsletter, candidate biographies will be published. You will also receive information on the voting process as well as voting slips.

Candidates:

Parent's Name	Parent of
Sylvia Gauthereau	Grace (Year 4) & Molly (Year 1) Nicholas
Fiona McKenzie Johnston	Sholto Steel (Year 1)
Aslam Khan	Inayat Khan (Year 3)
Sara Langham	Milo (Year 4) & Joel (Year 1) McLellan
Nina Gjoka	Arber Gjoka (Year 1)
Iman Sbitri	Alya Sbitri (Year 1)

We will be holding a coffee morning next Thursday at 8.45am where you can drop in and meet the candidates. This will be very informal – no speeches, manifestos etc.! We just thought it would be nice for you to have an opportunity to chat informally over a cup of coffee. Not everyone knows who everyone is and it will be an opportunity to put faces to names!

## A MESSAGE ABOUT OUR FAIR SPONSOR - COO:

As you know, Coo is the main sponsor of the market and will also have a stall on Saturday. I thought I would take this opportunity to give you a bit more information about them.

Coo is a **free** new shared communication and calendar app that we think will be very useful for our parent community. Here is their explainer video: <https://vimeo.com/138517567> and a link to their website if you want more information: [www.coo.social](http://www.coo.social).

We have set up a Coo group for the school with key dates relevant to all classes. Please take a moment to download the app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), register and then join the [ARK Atwood](#) group using this link: <https://app.coo.social/join-group.html/atwood>. I am told there will be free goodies at the fair for the kids whose parents are on Coo! Any questions, let me know or feel free to contact the team at Coo directly at [contact@coo.social](mailto:contact@coo.social).



### **CHECKLIST FOR SATURDAY:**

REMINDER: ATWOOD CHRISTMAS MARKET STARTS AT 3 PM!

### **BRING TO THE MARKET:**

- CLEAN JAM JAR FULL OF CHOCOLATES, SWEETS OR BISCUITS (NO NUTS) FOR *SNOWY LUCKY DIP* STALL
- DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP, COO, HERE [www.coo.social](http://www.coo.social) SO THE KIDS CAN GET THEIR FREEBIES AT THE MARKET
- DIG OUT THOSE TOYS AND GAMES KIDS NO LONGER USE, MAKE SPACE FOR XMAS PRESENTS AND BRING TO *KNOCK-EM DOWN* STALL
- GET KIDS TO DECORATE CARDBOARD CHRISTMAS TREES (TEMPLATE IN LAST NEWSLETTER) FOR COMPETITION (GREAT PRIZES!)
- THINK OF FUN OR CUTE OUTFITS FOR PHOTOS IN PHOTO BOOTH
- BRING LOTS OF 20P AND 50P COINS FOR KIDS' GAMES AND A BAG FOR ALL THE GREAT GIFTS FROM THE STALLS
- BRING A CAKE!

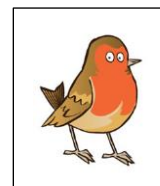
### **AT THE MARKET:**

- GET TICKETS FOR SANTA: THEY ARE FREE BUT SLOTS FILL UP QUICKLY!
- STOP BY COO'S STALL TO GET FREEBIES
- ASK ANYONE WITH A SANTA HAT IF THEY NEED MORE HELP ON THE STALLS
- SQUEEZE IN SOME MORE DELICIOUS FOOD EVEN AFTER LUNCH. IT'S ONLY CHRISTMAS ONCE A YEAR...
- STAY FOR ATWOOD CAROLS AT 5 PM
- CONGRATULATIONS: GIFTS DONE, DECORATIONS DONE, SANTA DONE, KIDS' DINNER DONE AND FUN DONE

## Tickets for the Christmas Shows

Ark Atwood presents:

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Reception (The Little Red Robin) - Hall**  
9.15am and 2.30pm



**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery (Christmas Medley) – Nursery Classroom**  
Mon/Tues/Weds Group at 11.30am; Weds/Thurs/Fri Group @ 3.30pm

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 & 2 (Christmas around the World) - Hall**  
9.15am and 2.30pm



**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 & 4 (Sing-along-a-Christmas) - Hall**  
6.30pm

We can offer up to **two tickets in total per family per child performing (younger children do not require a ticket if they are in a pushchair or will sit on an adults lap)**. You can take two tickets for one performance or one ticket per performance. Ticket allocations are necessary due to space restrictions in the hall.

You will not receive actual physical tickets. Instead a list will be kept of who will be attending each performance.

**Ticket requests are not required for the Nursery performances as these will take place just before morning and afternoon pick-up or for the Year 3 & 4 Sing-along-a-Christmas - please just turn up and enjoy!**

**Please detach and hand this form to the school office by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Number of tickets required for **9.15am** performance (Reception) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets required for **2.30pm** performance (Reception) \_\_\_\_\_

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Number of tickets required for **9.15am** performance (Year 1 & 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets required for **2.30pm** performance (Year 1 & 2) \_\_\_\_\_

*For **Year 3 & 4**, children will sing some songs as well as a couple of well-known carols which we'd love parents to join-in with (song sheets will be provided)! Please bring your child to school for **6.20pm** – children will assemble in the hall. Hot drinks and mince pies (some donations would be lovely) will be served after the performance in the studio. School uniform not required.*

**We know that not all Year 3 & 4 pupils will be able to return for the evening event but so we have an idea of numbers please complete the following and return to the school office by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. If your child attends then parents must also stay for the event – they can't just be left!**

My Child **will** be attending the Sing-along-a-Christmas event

Unfortunately my child **will not** be able to attend the Sing-along-a-Christmas event