

**ARK Atwood Primary Academy**



**Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**Value of the week: Integrity**

**Achieving Success**



# SUMMER FAIR

**SATURDAY, 21 MAY 2016, 11am-3pm**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**ARK Atwood, Amberley Road, W9 2JY**



BOUNCY CASTLE ARTS & CRAFTS  
SPIN THE WHEEL NAIL PAINTING TATTOOS  
HENNA BALLOONS BAKE SALE  
PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS FOOD CERAMICS  
TOMBOLA PRIZE DRAW HOOK THE DUCK  
BISCUIT DECORATING KNOCK 'EM DOWN  
RAODA SHAH HANDMADE DESIGNS

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**A FRIENDS OF ARK ATWOOD EVENT**

# Minutes of Parents' Forum

## 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### Communication

There were a number of questions about effective communication between school and parents and ways that this could be improved.

- A parent asked if the open classroom idea could be reintroduced? It was agreed that it could.
- A parent asked why the number of Parents' Evenings had been reduced? The decision was made to have two rather than three this year as the spring term was very short. There will be Parents' Evening at the end of this term after reports.
- Parents mentioned that communication often came through a number of different channels. The school's aim is that all communication will be soon be through Parent Mail, although there are still some teething problems. Parents will then be able to have one place to access all forms, paper work, newsletters etc. This will also solve problems concerning letters getting lost and other issues. Information will still be on the website as well as outside classrooms, which everyone agreed was working well.
- Before Parent Mail is fully operational the school will suggest that P3 has a letter tray available to make sure letters go home.
- A parent had asked for homework to be uploaded electronically. Unfortunately, this is not possible, especially in the early years, as homework is often phonics related and it would be administratively difficult for teachers to upload this.
- A parent asked why they were not advised about The Team Margot assembly before it took place as some children had found this a difficult topic. It was agreed that this was something that should have been done in advance. However, the assembly itself was extremely well done and suitable for Reception-Y4. Parents will be given advance notice of content for assemblies or extra sessions run for children (in addition to the usual).
- It was agreed the school's Twitter feed is a great source of information. A parent asked if the Twitter feed could be linked to the school's Facebook page (currently not operational). This was not generally agreed to be a good idea. It was also suggested that children only be photographed from the back but it was thought this would not result in pictures of value. As adding photographs on a weekly basis to the newsletter is now not viable given the size of the school, photos will continue to be posted on the Atwood Twitter account (subject to image consent constraints) and further pictures available in the Happy News – next published on 19<sup>th</sup> May. The Twitter account will continue to be publicised by the school.

### Roof Garden

- A survey should be completed by half-term for the feasibility of both the nursery roof top garden and the games pitch on the main roof. The roof top garden is more likely in the short-term and, if agreed, funds from Friend of Atwood will go towards raising money for this next year.
- In the meantime, Patti Zogolovitch has offered to work with the school to create some greener areas around the building, with plants at the front of the school between the building and the railings being considered the most suitable slot. There will be a meeting for any gardeners interested in helping Patti on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May during the coffee morning.

### Parking

- The school has a productive meeting with Westminster Council to discuss the ongoing parking issues. Atwood commissioned a parking survey from WCC, which should have now taken place. Once the results of this have come through the school will be able to make further decisions on the various issues.
- Since the meeting, concession cards have been approved and made available at the school office for parents to park on surrounding roads (other than Amberley Road) during the school run.

### Music Provision

- There were a number of questions about music provision in the school. The school explained that the provision across the school is available on the curriculum maps on the website and that KS1 has 1hr of music/ week and KS2 1.5hrs of music/ week.
- Y4 currently learn the flute and the clarinet. Any child who shows aptitude and/ or interest will have the opportunity to continue next year. The progress of any child in the lessons in KS2 for recorders or flutes and clarinets is available through class teachers.
- Reception no longer learn the recorder, as this was seen as being too difficult.
- A parent asked what had happened to the school violins? These will be used for an after school club from September.
- Y5 will have extra provision next year when they will be learning Music Technology via the Rock and Pop Academy.
- The school will also check the provision in primary King Solomon Academy and will compare the Atwood offer.

### Uniform

- A parent asked whether zip hoodies could also be available. Both types of hoodies are available through the supplier.
- A parent asked if the school coat could be mandatory. No agreement was reached about this but blazers will be part of the UKS2 policy (Y5/ Y6) from September. The school will provide Y5 Blazers and this is to continue for all children as they reach Y5 for the next 5 years.
- Hair ornaments of other colours not allowed (as per the uniform policy). Miss Baxter will continue to enforce this to ensure that all children and parents comply.
- A parent mentioned that the uniform in Rabeela on the Harrow Road is more expensive than online. This seems to be the case but is also thought to be better quality and more reliable.

### Gender Equality

- There will be a staff CPD in Summer 2 to ensure that there is gender-neutral expectation for activities in class.

### Lunch Menu

- There is an interim chef in place and a new menu has been distributed for Summer 2.
- A parent asked if jacket potatoes could be re-introduced on to the menu. The school explained there is almost too much choice already and so these will not be reintroduced for the moment.

### Health Checks

A parent asked about the Reception Year health checks provided by the NHS. The school already provides this.

### Preparation for Secondary School

- A parent asked about the possible increase in assessments and the preparation for the 11+ Exam in an after school club.
- The children are regularly assessed at school already.
- There will be an increase in homework from Y5 as children begin to prepare for secondary school. The school's aim is to ensure that each child is secondary ready.
- If parents want to prepare for the 11+ this is something that would need to be done outside of school hours.

### Art Galleries

A parent asked if there could be more art gallery trips for each year group as these are free and could add a lot of value. This was agreed to be a very good idea and a trip for each year group will be added to the Atwood charter of events and the curriculum linked to this.

## **Date of Next Meeting:**

This will be an end of year review on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 8.45am.

## Lunches after half-term

ARK Atwood Primary Academy Menu 6<sup>th</sup> June – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016

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

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

- Bread with butter, fresh fruit & seasonal salads or crudité served daily. Pudding is served twice weekly.
- The Atwood kitchen is nut-free.

**PLEASE INDICATE YOUR SELECTION CLEARLY BY CIRCLING THE OPTIONS YOUR CHILD DOES WISH TO ORDER**

Week beginning: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June - - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July

	Meat Free Monday	Halal Tuesday	Wednesday	Halal Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Tuna and salmon pasta bake with toasted crumb topping.	Mexican chilli beef wrap with tanzu salsa and steamed rice.	Turker and leek butter crust pastry pie.	Stickr Hot Sin chicken with 'steam-fried' rice noodles.	Battered cod
Main 2	Pesto dressed pasta with chick pea, tomato and basil sauce	S Bean chilli with tanzu salsa and steamed rice.	Summer squash and butter bean pie.	Hoi sin marinated Tofu chunks with 'steam-fried' rice noodles.	Minted sweet potato and red bean crunches
Main 3	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll
Main 4	Tuna roll	Tuna roll	Tuna roll	Tuna roll	Tuna roll
Sides	Garden peas Fresh carrots	'Mexicorn' Baby gem salad	Broccoli Mashed potatoes	Steamed oriental style vegetables with pak choi and bean sprouts	Chips Garden peas Sweetcorn

Week beginning: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June - - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July

	Meat Free Monday	Halal Tuesday	Wednesday	Halal Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Baked fillet of fish with tomato and mozzarella 'pizza' topping	Jerk chicken with rice n peas	Ethiopian mild chilli and tomato lamb stew	Chilled, herb roasted chicken and seasonal leaf salad.	Fish soubons
Main 2	Quorn and vegetable cottage pie.	Sweet potato and black eyed pea curry with rice n peas	Spanish style white bean stew with sweet peppers.	Toasted Haloumi salad with seasonal leaves and char-grilled vegetables.	Cheddar and chives in puff pastry
Main 3	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll
Main 4	Tuna roll	Tuna roll	Tuna roll	Tuna roll	Tuna roll
Sides	Mashed potatoes Green beans	Sweetcorn Steamed carrots	Steamed curly kale Minted new potatoes	New potato salad Crudités (carrot/cucumber/cherry tomato)	Chips Peas Baked beans

Week beginning: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June - - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July

	Meat Free Monday	Halal Tuesday	Wednesday	Halal Thursday	Friday
Main 1	Quorn sausage and tomato pizza or	Thai green chicken and coconut curry	Home cooked ham and seasonal leaf salad.	Beef Lasagne	Chicken soubons
Main 2	Tomato and Mozzarella Pizza	Thai green butternut and tofu curry	Cheddar cheese salad.	Aubergine, red onion and chick pea lasagne	Vegetable satay skewers
Main 3	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll
Main 4	Tuna roll	Tuna roll	Tuna roll	Tuna roll	Tuna roll
Sides	Baked jacket wedges Sweetcorn Broccoli	Steamed rice Oriental 'steam-fry' vegetables	New potato salad Crudités (carrot/cucumber/cherry tomato)	Rocket and gem leaf salad Garlic bread Coleslaw	Chips Peas Carrots

## Summer second half menu

Thank you for the feedback on the new menu for the second half of the summer term.

We are in the process of reorganising the arrangements in the kitchen as well as streamlining the ordering and payments processes. By now many of you should have received Parent Mail communications about the Summer 2 menu (printed above.) Please contact the school office with your email account details if these have changed recently and order your child's menu options as soon as possible.

The new menu will continue to be offered into the Autumn Term up to the half-term in October. Thank you for your patience while we make sure all our systems are updated and running smoothly.



## Achievement Assembly

Congratulations to these children who received their certificate on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### Scholar of the Week Certificate

Milo	India Class
Leo	Mexico Class
Ridhwan	France Class
Emil	Italy Class
Medina	Barbados Class
Khadija	China Class
Shakira	Belgium Class
Jaden	Norway Class
Tomas	Brazil Class
Hjordis	Ghana Class

### Values Certificate: Integrity

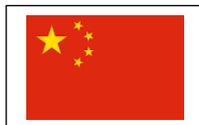
Adam	India Class
Lama	Mexico Class
Bella Jaye	France Class
Oyinkro	Italy Class
Lily	Barbados Class
Mafaz	China Class
Amira	Belgium Class
Mustafa	Norway Class
Mahmoud	Brazil Class
Tom	Ghana Class

## Competitive events information.

In mid June there will be a team of 2 Y3 and 2 Y4's to represent Atwood in the Ark Schools Mega Maths Wrangle. Next week Mr Upfield will ask pupils in these classes if they wish to compete and there will be a short mathematics quiz to help choose our team members. Only children who have not previously represented Atwood will be selected.

There will be an Athletics competition held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June and we will select teams of 3 in each of the year groups 2,3 and 4. Mr Mackenzie will choose representatives for Atwood based on the performance and perseverance shown in P.E. lessons over the next few weeks.

## Transition Points Trophy



China Class win  
with 29 Points

## Next Week @ Atwood

Value: Integrity – The Kindness Boomerang

### Trips and curriculum activities

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

Summer Fair 11am – 3pm

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

No Multi-skills for Year R after school

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Class Photographs

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

8.45 France Class Assembly

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

8.45 Achievement Assembly

Year R Forest Schools (One Class AM; One Class PM)

16.00 Close for Half-Term & Cake Sale (Year R Parents)

## House Points

House	Points This Week
Aspiration & Achievement	64
Scholarship	80
Perseverance	38
Integrity	59
Respect & Responsibility	62
Enthusiasm	79

Congratulations Scholarship

## Proud to be our best selves

Jade, our street dance instructor will be leading an assembly with the KS2 teaching team to discuss with the children, how to make sure they present themselves with the best attitude, language and behaviours in public. Children will be asked to think about behaviours they have seen which they know are not appropriate and how they might behave differently.

It is important that we teach our older children how to be their best selves regardless of how they perceive older children's behaviour out of school.

The teaching objective is that the children will remember to make wise choices and respect the impact they may have on those around them.

Now that our children are about to enter upper Key Stage 2, this is a timely piece of learning and should help to maintain the high standards we as teachers and you as parents set for our children.

## Reception International Morning

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Calling all Reception parents – we need volunteers to man stalls; Miss Thomson gave out slips yesterday to remind anyone who has not yet signed up. Please come and tell us about your country and culture. Our children are excited to learn all about the different places in the world that we come from! They are especially keen on trying the food of your country. If you can, then to help, you could collaborate with others from the same country as you!

Sign-up sheets are in the Reception Classroom corridor.  
Thank you

## Forest Schools – Reception

Letters with information regarding Forest Schools for India and Mexico classes were sent home on Thursday. Please sign the slips and return on Monday and also make sure you have told us about their lunch arrangements. These choices will be kept for all the Forest Schools trips arranged between now and the end of term, so once you have chosen this time you won't have to do it again.

We need volunteers and are happy to take as many parents and carers who wish to accompany us. (Unfortunately we cannot take younger siblings.) Please let Miss Thomson or Mr Townsend know if you would like to come along!

## FoAA Gardeners.

**Who has a green-thumb or great ideas for increasing the greenery around the school?-**

FofAA with the school are looking at ways of how we can add some plants to the school ground. If anyone has any ideas, or would like to help out please come along to the coffee morning on the 24th May. Or if you would like to get involved and can't make the coffee morning you can get in touch with Patti.  
[patti\\_abroad@yahoo.com.au](mailto:patti_abroad@yahoo.com.au)

Thanks.



## Library news

We have added more items to the Amazon wish list – in particular picture books for KS2 – because in September, there will be Year 5's in the school and key teaching for them is predicting outcomes to narrative, manipulating narrative events and inferring events and feelings of characters and actions. Picture books engage and enthuse older readers and help stimulate imaginations as well as providing settings and images which let children link their knowledge of the world and stories to new ideas.

Any donations for new books for the school are always very gratefully received and the library once again featured positively in the recent Ark Monitoring Visit as a great resource for our children.

## This Week's Attendance

### Reception

India 99.57%  
Mexico 98.33%

### Year 1

France 90.42%  
Italy 97.92%

### Year 2

Barbados 81.03%  
China 79.58%

### Year 3

Belgium 94.17%  
Norway 98.75%

### Year 4

Brazil 95.42%  
Ghana 96.67%

### 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	4	0
Mexico	7	0
France	1	10
Italy	4	0
Barbados	9	0
China	1	10
Belgium	1	10
Norway	7	0
Brazil	4	0
Ghana	10	0