

MARCH 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe the second term of this school year is coming to an end – the year is flying by so it is always good to stop and take a moment to think about the successes along the way!

It was lovely to see so many of you come to meet your child's teacher at our recent Progress Reviews – happy, smiling and proud parents leaving the school is always a great sign! You seemed to like the new format of these evenings so we will continue to run them in this way in the future – please see results of your feedback below which is all the parents who rated each aspect a 4 or a 5 out of 5!

- Being able to look through your child's work – 98%**
- Discussion with teacher about your child's progress -99%**
- Happy with your child's progress -98%**
- Having other key staff available on the night to talk to -100%**
- Refreshments available – 99%**
- Library open for book changing and tours – 94%**
- Being able to buy uniform – 98%**

The new homework projects seem to be a great hit with children and parents/carers alike – the thought and detail that is going into these is brilliant – we hope you are loving engaging with your children in these projects and look forward to seeing future creations. Thank you for your support with these – some of the results are above for you to enjoy – AMAZING!!

We have just completed the Spring term tests and teacher assessments for all the children with some very encouraging results across the school. Already the staff are hard at work analysing these so that the right plans are in place for your child for when we return after the Easter break.

While all of the children continue to work hard in their subjects and at developing their resilience, curiosity, motivation, independence, respect and confidence, I just want to give a special mention here to Year 6 who are working amazingly hard and well in preparation for their SATs tests in May – they are great ambassadors for the school and a shining example of how to Aim High, Work Hard and Play Fair!

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and wish you a great Easter break – enjoy the time with your lovely children.

A H-Chapman Head Teacher

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday
24th April
School will be closed
for an
INSET day**

**Summer
Term
begins for
children on
Tuesday
25th April**



**ARK AYRTON
PRIMARY
ACADEMY**
SOMERS ROAD
SOUTHSEA
PORTSMOUTH
HANTS
PO5 4LS

ATTENDANCE

We have been hit this last half term with Chickenpox and a very nasty stomach bug – this has knocked our attendance down considerably and, although we are still up on this time last year, we did not reach our goal of 96% by the end of this term.

We need to begin next term as we mean to go on – every child at school on time every day so that the children do not miss out on any of their learning and we drive up our attendance as quickly as possible to the national figure of 96.4% - it is completely achievable in the time we have left but only if the children are at school. I have had a number of requests for holiday during term time – may I please remind you this is not permitted in our policy, will not be authorised and could result in an immediate fine!

CONGRATULATIONS TO Sky Tilley in Y6 and her family WHO WON THE £100 for the month of March – 198 children had a 100% attendance for this month. You've got to be in it to win it – who will win the £100 for April?

We will be holding our Attendance Reward during the first week back for all the children with an attendance of at least 96.5% by the end of the Spring term– those children will bring home the details of their reward at the end of this week.

We have listened to feedback from parents after the last Attendance Reward and this time the event, will take place at the same time for all children so parents will not have to go back and forward for different drop off and collection times.

NURSERY PLACES – YOUR HELP NEEDED!!! REWARD REWARD REWARD

DO YOU KNOW ANY PARENTS/CARERS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR NURSERY PLACES FOR THEIR CHILD? PLEASE RECOMMEND US IF YOU DO. IF A CHILD TAKES UP ONE OF THE SPARE PLACES AT OUR SCHOOL NURSERY AND BEGINS ATTENDING BEFORE THE 8TH MAY BASED ON YOUR RECOMMENDATION, YOU WILL RECEIVE A £20 VOUCHER AS A THANK YOU!!

WELL DONES!

Well done to all those who brought their board games into school on Friday, we all had a lovely afternoon playing games together whilst raising money for the NSPCC – we raised £143.50!

Well done to our Portsmouth Literature Quiz team – 8 of our Y6 children read and revised and represented the school brilliantly. Although we did not win, we achieved our highest position yet since we've been taking part – great job Y6!

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