



Ark Ayrton Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot believe I am writing to you already at the end of our first half term – and what a half term we have had!



Years 5 and 6 have attended their residential visits taking part in new experiences and opportunities such as climbing, kayaking, raft building, night walks and so much more. We have had classes visiting Fishbourne Roman Palace, the library to meet an author, climbing aboard the Gosport Ferry and being pirates for a morning! Our new mini buses are certainly being put to good use and it is great to be able to take the children out and about a lot more to help enhance their learning.

It was great to see so many amazing homework challenge projects brought in to our Achievement Assembly this morning – shields, mosaics, treasure chests, pirate ships, Viking biscuits, model castles, research and diagrams. These projects are a really important way to help the children take ownership of their learning and further develop and apply their learning in fun and creative ways. Thank you for the time and support you clearly give your children in helping them to achieve such great projects!



I am delighted to report that our attendance this half term has been the strongest it has ever been. The national average is 96.2% and that is always the number we strive to meet and exceed and exceed we have this half term. We end this half term on an amazing 97.15%. There have been days this half term in the last couple of weeks with only 4 or 5 children off across the school. This is great, but we must continue. We will continue to reward and celebrate and challenge when needed. The children need to be in school to make the most of all it has to offer – thank you for your support!

On Friday 28th September, we had a very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning and Cake Sale raising over £500! This is an amazing achievement for such a worthwhile charity. Thank you for your generosity, baking and spending!

Next half term is always very busy and jam packed in the run up to Christmas. I have included some important dates for your diaries to help you plan with us in mind! Please see over the page.

Don't forget tomorrow, Friday and Monday 29th October are all INSET days and school will be closed to children.

I wish you all a very happy and safe half term holiday with your children and look forward to seeing them all on Tuesday 30th October at 8.45am ready for the new half term.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make great things happen!

Mrs A H-Chapman

Head Teacher

Thursday 18th October – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY

Friday 19th October – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY

MONDAY 22nd OCTOBER – FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 29th October – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY

Tuesday 30th October – Children return to school

Monday 5th November and every Monday morning – Coffee Morning for all – 9am after drop off

W/B 5th November – Year 5 Family Learning Event – details to follow

Wednesday 7th November – Parents Evening/Progress Reviews

Thursday 8th November – Parents Evening/Progress Reviews

W/B 19th November – Family Learning Event – details to follow

Monday 26th November – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY

W/B 26th November – Year 3/4 Family Learning Event – details to follow

Tuesday 27th November – last week for clubs until Spring Term

Wednesday 28th November – Autumn Term Showcase for parents 9am

Monday 3rd December – Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation

Friday 7th December – Christmas Fair pm

Tuesday 11th December – Year 1/2 Christmas Performance am

Wednesday 12th December – Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance am

Wednesday 12th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 13th December – Year 3/4 Christmas Performance am

Monday 17th December – Year 5/6 Christmas Performance am

Wednesday 19th December – Winter Wonderland Discos 3.30-4.30 Nursery, Reception, Years 1/2

4.45 – 5.45 Years 3,4,5,6

Friday 21st December – Last day of term

Further details regarding the above events will follow nearer the time.

Year groups will send details of their Family Learning events and year groups assemblies.

Please do like, join and follow our Facebook Group as we try to keep you updated on there as much as possible.

Thank you!

