

# ARK Ayrton Primary Academy



## News Letter – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015

As this is the first opportunity I have had to say it to you all, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. The children have all come back beautifully, and carried on where they left off. I have already seen many examples of their wonderful work!

After school clubs are up and running again. If your child wasn't successful in getting a place on a club, you can try again at half term.

**Keep in touch!**  
**Twitter:** @arkayrton  
**Website:** <http://arkayrtonprimary.org/>

### Class Assemblies

Parents/carers are welcome to join us for their child's assembly. These are held on Friday afternoons from 2.50 pm. There will be a crèche available for younger siblings if you would like to take advantage of this facility. Pushchairs and prams are not allowed in the hall.

Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	Nursery am and Nursery pm (to be held in nursery)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2015	Year 5 - University of Birmingham
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	Year 4 - Universities of Cardiff and Surrey
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	Year 3 - Universities of York and Durham

### General School News

Did you get a new mobile as a Christmas present? Have you treated yourself to a new phone? If so then please remember to let us know if your number has changed. You would be amazed at the number of parents who we try to contact in an emergency only to find that their details have not been updated.

This includes landline numbers when you move house!

**Collecting your child at 11.45 am/3.20pm/3.30pm** – If you need to arrange for someone other than those known to class teachers to collect your child from school, please ensure that the class teacher is advised either verbally or by a written note in the morning. The end of the day is very busy both in the Office and in the classroom, and we need to ensure that all children know who will be collecting them.

Do you enjoy art?

Are you creative?

'Friends of Southsea Library' group need a logo designed. The winning logo will be on display in the library and used for all their promotional material!

There is a prize of free DVD hire for a limited period.

Please give your logo designs to

Miss Pullen in the MMRC by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

### School Dates

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2015	Year 4 Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2015	Year 3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2015	School Closed: Inset Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2015	School Closed: Inset Day and half term begins
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2015	School re-opens

### Attendance

Each week the class with the highest attendance is awarded the attendance trophy and certificate. We also have an attendance shop where children are able to earn up to 1 point a day. They can then use these points to exchange for prizes, the more points they win the better the prize.



Week Ending	Class with High Attendance
5.1.15	University of Durham - 97.59%
16.1.15	University of Cardiff - 93.89%

To maximise your child's valuable learning time, ideally medical/dental appointments should be made outside of the school day. Where this is not possible it is expected that your child attends school before and/or after the appointment. If you anticipate that your child may be out of school for the whole day, such as for a hospital appointment, please notify the school in advance.

If your child is too unwell to come to school, please call the school's absence line. Press '1' and leave a message stating your child's name, class and likely date of return.

Thank you very much

**Y6 SAT's WEEK**

Mon 11th May - Fri 15th May

Absence will not be authorised during SAT's week. Y6 Statutory Assessment Tests cannot be taken at different times, so please do not request absence from learning to coincide with these key tests.

*And Finally....*

Your children have been setting goals since they returned based around the saying

'Success lies upstream.....  
You cannot drift there'

Ask them about their understanding of this and the goals they have set

Yours sincerely

*J A Fleming*

Mrs J Fleming  
Headteacher

