

# ARK Ayrton Primary Academy



## News Letter – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015

I would like to welcome you back to the new school year and hope that you all had a great summer. Our new reception children have made an excellent start and have already settled into our school day. I would also like to welcome new students and parents from other year groups; we look forward to working with you to ensure your child has a happy and successful time with us. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Teacher or Teaching Assistant if you have any questions or concerns. Our newsletter will be sent home regularly with dates for your diary, information about class visits, visitors to school and parent/carer events. **Please make sure you read these and make a note of any important dates relating to your children.**

### Attendance

Every child needs to achieve 96% or higher attendance in order for them to make the best progress possible. Every single day missed at school or arriving late equals a gap in their learning. It is very hard for children to catch up when they have missed out on vital parts of their education. By increasing attendance by just 1%, schools can improve attainment by over 5%.

Please help your child by ensuring their attendance remains above 96% allowing them to achieve their full potential. Being late every day can also add up to a lot of lost learning time.

Children should be in school by 8.45am. School gates open at 8.30am and the school days starts promptly in class at 8.45am. The bell will be rung at approximately 8.42am each day.



5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year  
15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 10 days a year

Please do not hesitate to come into school if you need any support at all with improving your child's attendance. We are always happy to talk to you and would much rather sort out problems and arrange for further action, if appropriate, to support an improvement.



Come along and join Debbie for coffee mornings each Wednesday from 9am to 10am. All parents/carers are invited to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to chat with other parents/carers. From Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October Craig from The Healthy Living Team will be coming in for 3 weeks to discuss healthy living, this will include looking at food labels and understanding them, exercise and healthy meals. **Refreshments are available.**

## Year 6 Residential

This year's Year 6 have had their first taste of a residential experience with their visit to Kingswood on the Isle-of-Wight. It is such a great experience and one that the children really enjoy. I know that, with the weather, washing machines will have been very busy. I'm sure the children see it as a challenge to get as much mud as possible on them in some of those activities! As I'm sure you know, a huge amount of work goes in to making the trip the success that it is. Special thanks to Miss Woods, Miss Casey, Miss Jenkins, Miss Siddique, Mr Cole, Miss Ghanji and Mandy for guiding your children through the experience. I am sure, like me, you would like to thank the staff for all of their hard work and dedication

### PE NOTICE

Children need regular exercise to grow healthily and stay happy.  
please support your child's development by ensuring that they bring their **PE Kit every MONDAY**. PE kits can then be left in school and taken home each Friday or every half term. Children that repeatedly have no PE kit will be given an after school detention as remembering their equipment is their responsibility

### Class Assemblies

We encourage you to join us for your child's assembly these take place on alternate Fridays at 3.15 pm. There is a crèche available for younger siblings if you would like to take advantage of this facility.

02.10.15 - Year 5 (Universities of Reading & Kent)

16.10.15 - Year 4 (Universities of Cardiff & Surrey)

06.11.15 - Year 3 (Universities of Bath & York)

20.11.15 - Year 2 (Universities of Leicester & St Andrews)

04.12.15 - Year 1 (University of Kings College London & Loughborough University)

08.01.16 - Reception (Universities of Leeds & Oxford)

We do hope you will come along to support your child. We are so proud of our class assemblies and hope you enjoy coming to see your child just as much as they love to see you there.

### **School Dates**

Please find a copy of the school term times for 2015/2016. Please remember that holiday will not be authorised during term time.

**Thank you for your continued support**

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Fleming  
Headteacher

