

ARK Ayrton Primary Academy



News Letter – 1st July 2016

As usual, the final term promises to be very busy and action packed. Visits to new classes and secondary schools, welcome meetings with new families, end of year activities and children's reports of achievement are all on the horizon. Please keep an eye on the 'Dates' section.

School Dates

Wednesday 6 th July	Year 5 visit to Fort Widley's Activity Centre
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 6 Production to Parents 2.30 pm
Thursday 7 th July	Year 6 Production to Parents 10.00 am
Friday 8 th July	Race for Life
Friday 8 th July	Whole school closes 1.15 pm (morning nursery at 11.45am. No afternoon nursery this day)
Monday 11 th July	Transition for whole school
Tuesday 12 th July	Visit to Barbican, London for Music Gala
Thursday 14 th July	Class Parties - details to follow from each class
Thursday 14 th July	School Disco - tickets to follow
Friday 15 th July	Parent/Carer Workshop - covering aspects of special educational needs
Friday 15 th July	French Club to visit Lucille's Creperie
Wednesday 20 th July	School closes for Summer Holidays
Thursday 8 th September	School re-opens for Autumn Term 1

Parent Workshop

15th July 8.50am Conference Room

Parents and carers whose children have difficulties in communicating and who find social situations difficult, are invited to a coffee morning / workshop. We will talk about why some children behave the way they do in certain situations, and what we can do to support them. We will also share ideas on how to support children at home. If you think you would be interested in coming, please let Debbie or Mrs Tabraham know. We would also like to know if you think that parent workshops covering aspects of Special Educational Needs or behaviour would be useful and what areas you would like us to cover.



Glasses - Found

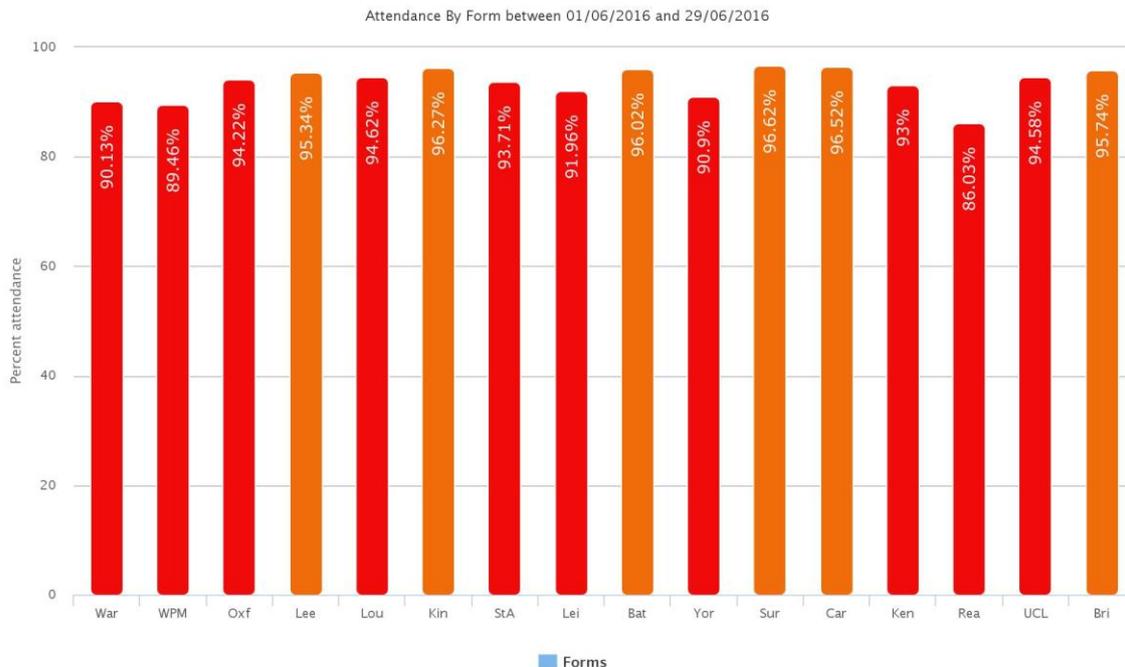
We have a pair of children's glasses in the office that have not been claimed. If you think they may belong to you please pop in and speak to a member of staff.

Spare Uniform

We have mixed sizes of school skirts available at a price of £1.00 each. Come along to the office, first come first served bases.

Attendance

The chart below shows the attendance for each class for the month of May 2016. The national target is 96% as you can see, based on these figures, we need to aim higher in order to reach this and make sure the children are at school learning. Well done to all classes who have achieved this. It is important to remember that 96% is the figure for attendance that you should not go below. Lack of attendance, understandably, has a detrimental impact on academic and social progress.



Come, relax and unwind

POP IN FOR A COFFEE AND A CHAT IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM EVERY Wednesday morning from 9.00 - 10.00 am Meet other Parents/carers with Debbie our Behaviour Support Worker. Shlomi, who is an Healthy Living Advisor for Portsmouth City Council will be joining us to give advice on meals and exercise.

Reception Trips to Central Library

Both reception classes visited the Central Library in June. They listened to two stories read by library staff, then had a chance to look around the children's section. Every child received a FREE book from BookTrust! They were also given their very own library card. All children behaved impeccably and really enjoyed their trip. Visiting the library and borrowing books to share with your children is not only FREE but an invaluable activity.

Look out for information coming soon about The Summer Reading Challenge...

Year 5 Trip to The Kings Theatre

Universities of Kent and Reading visited The Kings Theatre in Southsea to take part in the Portsmouth Book Award celebration. Over 1000 year 5 pupils from around Portsmouth took part in the Shorter Novel Award this year. All pupils had to read or have read to, the 4 short listed books between January and May, then they all voted for their favourite. Congratulations to Michael Morpurgo who won with his book 'Half a Man'. We were extremely lucky to have the winning author at the celebration.

Online Safety

Online safety is vitally important to ensure children stay safe whilst accessing the internet. To learn more about the risks facing our children when they use computers. Below are two sites that give information regarding this. Log on to:-

Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) a police agency tackling child abuse on the internet. This website includes a unique facility that enables parents and young people to make reports of actual or attempted abuse online.

Internet Matters, an online portal giving tips on protecting children from online grooming, privacy, cyberbullying, identify theft and inappropriate contact.

If your child is going to be collected from school by someone other than yourself, please can you inform the class teacher or a member of the school office staff. This saves a lot of time for all involved at the end of the day. Thank you.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Fleming
Headteacher

and finally.....

Alone we are smart
Together we are brilliant
Steven Anderson

