

# ARK Ayrton Primary Academy News Letter – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015



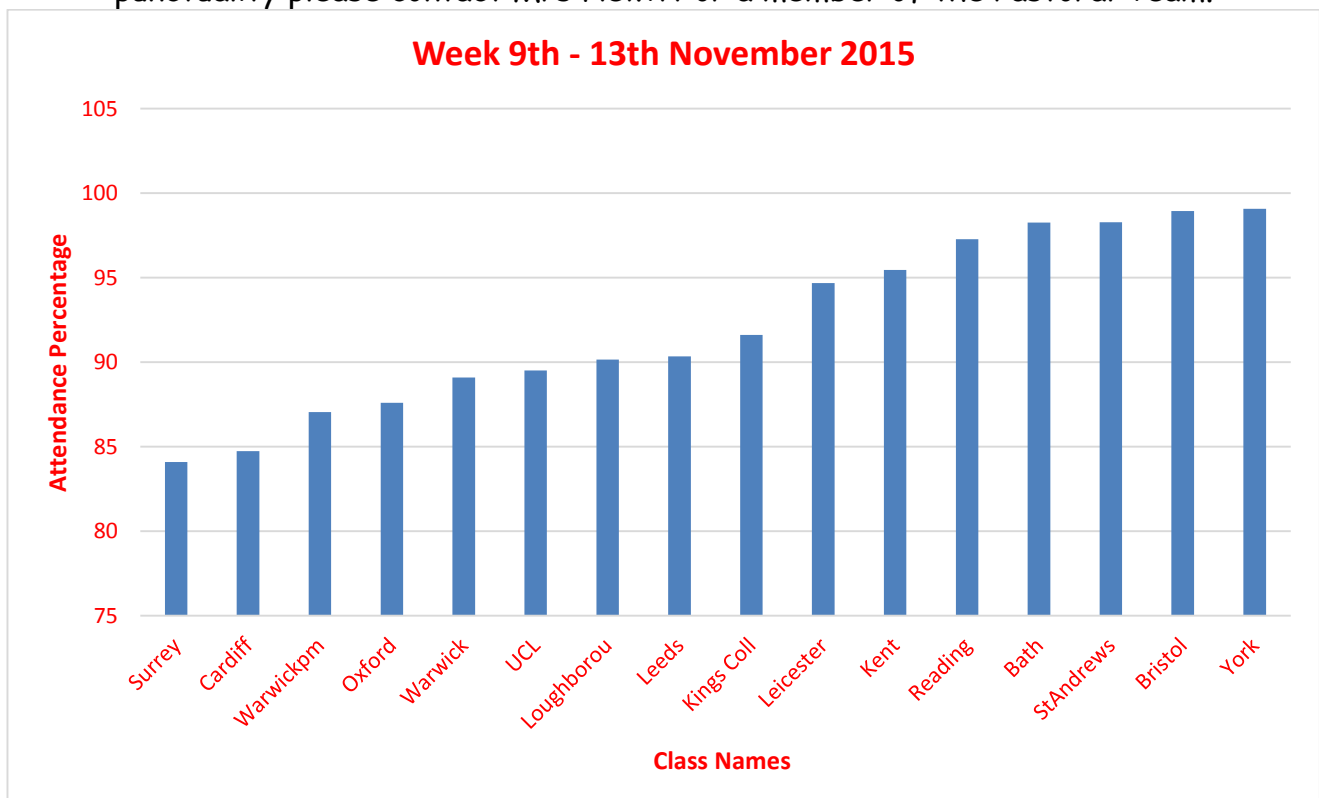
What a busy few weeks we have had. The school remembered Armistice Day on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November when we all fell silent. Each class made their own poppy which was then displayed on the fence at the front of the school. Year 4 visited the Spinnaker Tower where staff commented on the great behaviour of the children. They all took a turn in walking over the glass floor which they found very exciting. Year 6 performed their Shakespeare production at The New Theatre Royal. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and both parents and staff were very proud of all who took part.



Don't forget to check our school website [www.arkayrtonprimary.org](http://www.arkayrtonprimary.org) for information or follow us on twitter @arkayrton.

## Attendance

The chart below shows the attendance for each class. The national target is 96% so you can see, based on last week's figures, we need to aim higher in order to reach this and make sure our children are at school learning. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or punctuality please contact Mrs Hewitt or a member of the Pastoral Team.



## Big Lottery Grant funds children's sports activities



We have been fortunate over the past year to have received funding from the Big Lottery to provide a variety of activities for all of our children to enjoy. Coaches from Pompey in the Community have been in school leading lunchtime sports sessions as well as class based activities. Children in our foundation stage have been given kit bags which include six different types of play equipment and have met with a coach each week to be shown different ways to use the equipment which they will be taking home at the end of term.



## Exciting new initiative to boost reading in Years 5 and 6!

All pupils in year 5 and 6 have their own individual eBook account through the school so that they can read books on tablets or computers. A letter has been sent home with the children's log on and password details. Please encourage your child to use this system as it allows them to read books they want to read, which we may not have available in the home reading scheme. KEEP READING!

## Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

For a small donation which will go towards charity, children and staff can wear their Christmas jumpers to school.

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. Craig, from The Healthy Living Team, will be coming in again with advice on healthy living and we can provide a 1-1

service with Portsmouth Advice centre around money, debt, family etc: Anyone who is interested in this should contact Debbie.

### **School Dates**

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| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December                              | University of Surrey visit to Portsmouth Dockyard  |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December                                 | Christmas Jumper Day   |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December                                | 9.15 am Universities of Warwick (am & pm) Leeds and Oxford<br>Christmas concert                            |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December                               | 9.15 am Universities of Loughborough, Kings, Leicester and St Andrews<br>Christmas concert                 |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December                               | 5.00 pm Carols in the Secret Garden  |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December                             | 9.15 am Universities of Bath, York, Surrey, Cardiff, Kent, Reading, UCL and Bristol's<br>Christmas Concert |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December                             | School Christmas Dinner  |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                                | School finishes at the end of the school day for Christmas holidays  |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup><br>January     | School closed for INSET days   |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January                               | School Re-opens for Spring 1 Term  |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 12 <sup>th</sup><br>February | School closed for INSET days - and Spring half term  |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February                                | School re-opens for Spring 2 Term  |

### **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. Pushchairs and scooters must stay outside of the hall.

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

08.01.16 - Reception (Universities of Leeds & Oxford)

22.01.16 - Nursery (11.20 am and 3.00 pm) to be held in Nursery

05.02.16 - Year 6 (University College London & University of Bristol)

26.02.16 - Year 5 (Universities of Kent & Reading)

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.

## English Course

We have a great opportunity for parents/carers to learn English and gain advice, it is a free course running at Ark Ayrton until April, every Monday and Thursday 9-10 am. Just come along to the office on those days if you are interested, no need to book.

The end of the school day for children in reception - year 6 is 3.45 pm. Please ensure you are on time to collect your child, If, for any reason, you are going to be late, please phone the school office on 02392 824828 as early as possible so that a message can be passed to the class in time for the end of the day.

**Uniform:** Please check to ensure that all uniform (and coats, hats etc.) is clearly labelled so that if it gets lost it can be returned to its owner. We are finding a lot of uniform where the name has been written on in biro and has since faded so please check this.

Thank you for your continued support



**Mrs Fleming  
Headteacher**

