

ARK Ayrton Primary Academy



News Letter – 20th March 2015

It was lovely to see and talk to so many of you at parents' evening last week. The attendance rate was 92%, which is outstanding. I hope you are pleased with your child's report and their progress at school. It was also a wonderful sight to see the children singing to you at the end of the week and to give you their gift of a Primula. We hope you will encourage your children to nurture this plant and hopefully it will continue to bloom for many years.

The fantastic amount of £393.88 was raised from the cake sales. The children enjoyed sampling goodies made by staff. A big thank you to everyone who baked and donated.



School Lunch Menu

With this newsletter is the new lunch menu for the summer term. This is ideal for helping your child select which meal they want each day before they come to school. Please keep it somewhere safe as we have only a limited amount.

School Video

As part of Ark Schools we have, with Ark Dickens, produced a video about our Academies. If you would like to view this please go onto the Website <http://arkayrtonprimary.org>, click on 'About Us', select the 'Welcome' tab. You can then scroll down to see the video. We hope you find it useful and interesting.

Nursery Garden

Could you please ask your children not to play in the nursery garden before and after school. Nursery staff have set the garden up ready for the children to begin their day. Thank you

School Uniform

Please can I remind you that school uniform also extends to accessories. Children must not come to school wearing any make-up, or with painted nails. If children do come to school with either make-up on or nails painted, they will be asked to remove it.

Come along and join Debbie for coffee mornings each Wednesday from 9am to 10am. All parents/carers are invited to come along. This is wonderful opportunity to chat over concerns or issues you may have with other parents/carers. We are hoping to have guest speakers on matters that may include debt and counselling.

Refreshments will be available

Whats on in Somerstown?

Please take a look at our notice boards in the playground at the leaflet to see what's on around the area. Did you know there are lots of exciting courses being run at the Omega Centre from 'Learning to Love your Life' to drawing to knitting to badminton. For further information you can email them on portsmouth@wea.org.uk or phone 023 9229 1346.

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 27 th March 2015	Year 3 - Universities of York and Durham
Friday 24 th April 2015	Year 2 - Universities of St Andrew's and Leicester
Friday 8 th May 2015	Year 1 - Universities of Loughborough and Exeter
Friday 22 nd May 2015	Reception - Universities of Oxford and Kings

School Dates

Friday 3 rd April 2015	School Closed: Easter Break
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Monday 20 th April 2015	School Closed: Inset Day
Tuesday 21 st April 2015	School re-opens - Summer Term
Monday 11 th May 2015	Year 6 SATs week

Year 5/6 Literature Quiz

Well done to the eight pupils from years 5 and 6 who took part in the Literature Quiz, run by The School Library Service. The quiz was held at Fratton Park and it was our first year competing. The organisers said "The behaviour was just astonishingly good and they were a joy to be around. Wonderful!" Sadly we didn't bring home the trophy, however we did come close to winning a couple of the rounds and we're really proud of our students!

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 Highest Attendance
13.2.15	University College London - 98.72%
27.2.15	University of Durham - 98.18%
06.3.15	 University of Surrey - 100% 
13.3.15	University College London - 98.52%

We want everyone to try really hard to be at school every day and on time. Don't forget to phone our attendance line if your child is going to be absent.



Lateness

Please make sure your child arrives at school on time. **We have noticed that some children are regularly late.** This not only has an impact on their learning but also time to play with their friends in the playground and lining up to enter school

Yours sincerely

J A Fleming



Mrs J Fleming
Headteacher

