

# **ARK Ayrton Primary**

## **Academy**

### **News Letter**

#### **21<sup>st</sup> March 2016**



#### **School Dates**

Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes end of day for Easter Holidays
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for Summer 1 Term
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception Phonics Workshop 8.45 am - School Hall
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents' Evening for Nursery and Reception
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents' Evening for Nursery and Reception
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for Summer half term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens for Summer 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.

15.04.16 - Year 3 (Universities of Bath & York)

29.04.16 - Year 2 (Universities of Leicester and St Andrews)

13.05.16 - Year 1 (Kings College London and University of Loughborough)

27.5.16 - Reception (Universities of Leeds and Oxford)

10.06.16 - Nursery (Will take place am and pm in the Nursery Classroom)

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 Dinner Menu**

The new Spring/Summer menu is being sent with this newsletter, please ensure you keep it in a safe place.

## **Y6 SAT's WEEK**

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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.



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 by coming into the school office or by phoning her on 023 9282 4828.

## **Reception Phonics Workshop**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 8.45 am in the hall. Join us to find out about our Read Write Inc phonics programme. Reception children are now using their sounds to read words and beginning to read books. We will show you how we teach the children and how you can help at home.

## **General School News**

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!

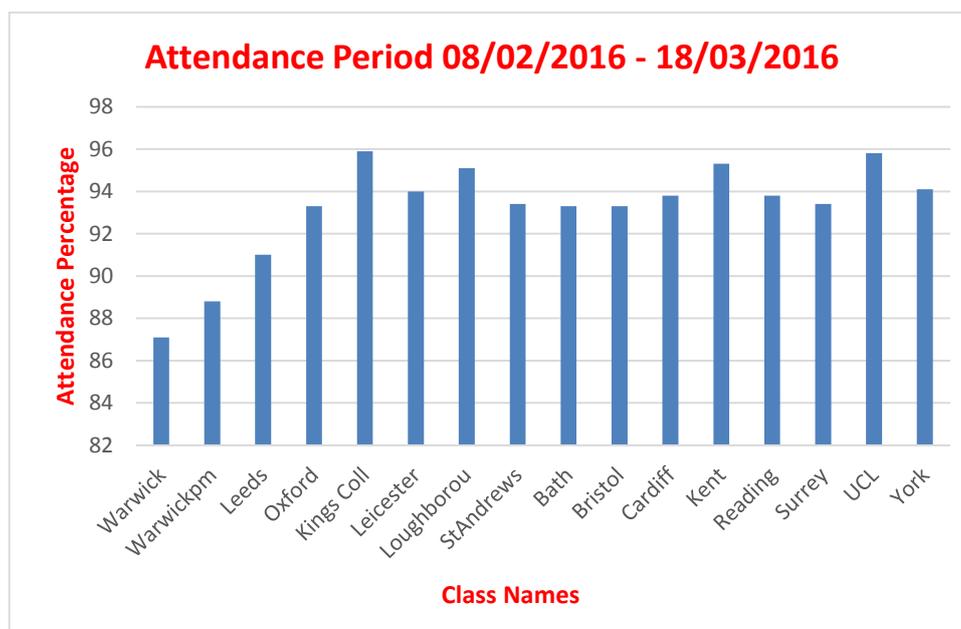
**Collecting your child at 11.45 am and 3.45pm** - If you need to arrange for someone other than those known to class teachers to collect your child from school, please ensure that the class teacher is advised either verbally or by a written note in the morning. The end of the day is very busy both in the Office and in the classroom, and we need to ensure that all children know who will be collecting them

Please make sure your child brings  
their packed lunch/PE kit in with them at the start of the day

We have attached a copy of a Market Research survey from Portsmouth City Council, which you may wish to take part in.

## Attendance

The chart below shows the attendance for each class for the month of January 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 Universities of UCL and Kings College London for achieving 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.



If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or punctuality please contact Mrs Hewitt our Attendance Officer

## Safety

E-safety is vitally important to ensure children stay safe on-line. To learn more about the risks facing our children when they use computers, please log on to <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> Another useful website you might like to visit is <http://support.xbox.com/en-GB/xbox-live/online-privacy-and-safety/online-safety>

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

## Reception Visit to Marwell Zoo



We were raring to go at 9am and boarded our 2 coaches; the sun was shining. There was much excitement, the pupils were led in by Mrs Scarsbrook, Mrs Cook Miss Drake and after a short reminder of the rules went off in small groups to explore what Marwell had to offer. There were penguins, giraffes, lots of monkeys and we saw a majestic tiger being fed. The tropical house held beautiful butterflies and lizards as well as being a welcome break from the chilly wind. The pupils behaved impeccably and represented the school well and we are very proud of their conduct throughout the day. As always huge thanks to all staff and parents, who gave up their time, to help out.



## Staunton Country Park

Our Nursery Classes visited Staunton Country Park. The sun shone and the children had a fabulous time around the Farm. They were able to interact with many different animals ranging from everyday farm animals, pigs, sheep, miniature donkeys, and chickens to a selection of rare breed animals such as llamas, a french donkey and a herd of Longhorn Cattle and Alpacas.

### *And Finally...*

I was asked the other day if you had one wish (but not for yourself), what would you wish for? Children come up with the most amazing answers - try asking them. Do share their answers with us - and then we can publish them in the newsletter

Yours sincerely

*J A Fleming*

Mrs Jan Fleming  
Headteacher

**Happy  
Easter!**

