

ARK Ayrton Primary Academy



News Letter – 24th October 2014

I have been particularly impressed this week with some of the writing around the school. Seeing the displays really does show the effort and creativity that the children have been putting into their writing.

MacMillan Cancer Support

Well done to all those who donated.
We managed to raise £274.56.

THANK YOU

A Few Reminders

- Please make sure your child brings their packed lunch/PE kit in with them at the start of the day.
- The school days starts at 8.55 am
- Please ensure your child is here on time.

Halloween Trick or Treat

It's that time of year - again! We ask that you remind your children of their own responsibilities when out trick or treating. Much as we appreciate that, for some people this activity is seen as harmless fun, there are members of our community who for their own reasons do not want to open their doors to strangers on cold, dark nights and be offered the opportunity to hand over a treat or they will be tricked. Please reiterate that younger children should be accompanied by a responsible adult and only visit pre-arranged addresses

We say au-revoir to Mrs Truscott while she starts her maternity leave. We will keep you updated with any baby news



Home Reading

Books will be exchanged on the following days:

Monday - Universities of Exeter, Loughborough, Leicester, Cardiff.

Tuesday - University of Surrey

Wednesday - Universities of St Andrews and York

Thursday - University of Birmingham, Loughborough, Exeter and Bath

Friday - Universities of Durham, UCL and Edinburgh

Please make sure you listen to your child read as often as possible, sign their log and return the book for changing - we give prizes for regular readers. Even our good readers in Key Stage 2 need to be reading for 10 - 15 minutes daily at home, so encourage them to talk to you about what they are reading. Reading for pleasure has a huge impact on children's achievement in all subjects, so if your child enjoys comics, magazines, information books, manuals or stories, it all counts as long as they are reading!



Book Quiz Group.

We are very excited to be entering a Literature Quiz in the spring against other Portsmouth Schools, so Mrs Tabraham's lunchtime group will be reading and learning facts about authors to compete in this challenge. Wish us luck!

School Dates

Friday 24 th October	School Closes at 3.20/3.30 pm for Autumn half term
Monday 3 rd November	School Closed: Inset Day
Tuesday 4 th November	School Closed: Inset Day
Wednesday 5 th November	Back to school - School Photos
Wednesday 12 th November	Year 6 Residential Trip to McMillan Centre, Kent
Thursday 13 th November	Reception parents' invited to Phonics Lesson
Friday 14 th November	Year 6 Return from Residential (text will be sent with definite return time)
Friday 19 th December	Christmas holidays - school closes at 3.20 pm
Monday 5 th January 2015	School Closed: Inset Day
Tuesday 6 th January 2015	School re-opens at 8.45 am (nursery) 8.55 am (school) for Spring Term

After School Clubs

Most clubs beginning after half term are now full. There are a few spaces on Swimming for University of Cardiff only and football for years 5 & 6. Our new debating club which is open to years 5 & 6 also has spaces available, this is a lunchtime club. You will have received a text to inform you of which club(s) your child has a place on. If you have not received a text it is because your child was not successful in getting a place this half term.

Class Assemblies

We encourage parents/carers to join us for their child's assembly these take place on alternate Fridays at 2.50pm. There is a crèche available for younger siblings if you would like to take advantage of this facility.

07.11.14 - Year 3 (Universities of Durham & York)

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

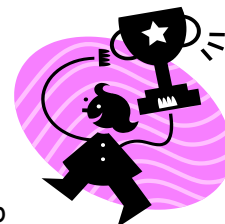
05.12.14 - Year 1 (Universities of Loughborough & Oxford)

09.01.15 - Reception (King's College University & Oxford University)

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.

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 win 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. Please make sure your child comes to school on time every day.



Week Ending	Class with High Attendance	Whole School Attendance
17.10.14	University College London - 99%	95.04%

Secondary School Applications

Please could we remind you that your Secondary School application needs to reach Admissions Department at Civic Offices by Friday 31st October at the very latest. Don't forget you can complete your application online as well.

Free Family Fun Day

Monday 27th October, 10am - 4pm John Pounds Centre, Queens Street. Free healthy snacks, face painting, den making, puppet making. Go along and join the fun!

I hope you all have a relaxing half term break and come back refreshed on Wednesday 5th November.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J A Fleming".

Mrs J Fleming
Headteacher

