

ARK Ayrton Primary Academy



News Letter – 27th February 2015

Congratulations to Miss Self, our Nursery Teacher, who was married during half term. Miss Self will now be known as Mrs Scarsbrook and we wish her and Mr Scarsbrook a lifetime of happiness



Each Wednesday, starting 4th March, Debbie will be holding a coffee morning 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.

Refreshments will be available

What's on in Somerstown?

Did you know there are lots of exciting things happening in our area? Every Friday 9.45-11.45am there is a Get Active, Stress Less workshop. Just turn up or call Craig 07769 583910 for more info. Similarly Tuesdays from 1-2pm there is a Free Get Cooking Programme, helping you plan to healthy options on a budget. Phone Marshada for more info on 07961 086246. Pop into 'The Hub' to pick up information on 'things to do'

Y6 SAT's WEEK

Year 6 children will have their end of Key Stage 2 SATs Tests in the week beginning the 11th to the 15th May 2014. This is a crucial time for Year 6 so please **ensure** that you do not book any holidays for these weeks, or the preceding weeks, when the children will be practising for the tests. These dates are set by the Government and your child cannot take their tests at any other time. Thank you for your co-operation.

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 13 th March 2015	Year 4 - Universities of Cardiff and Surrey
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

Collecting your child at 11.45 am/3.20pm/3.30pm – 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.

School Dates

Thursday 5 th March 2015	World Book Day - Dress up as a book character
Friday 6 th March 2015	Universities of Birmingham, Edinburgh and University College London to visit Charter Academy for Author event
Monday 9 th March 2015	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 10 th March 2015	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 11 th March 2015	University of Surrey - Visit to Portsmouth Guildhall
Friday 3 rd April 2015	School Closed: Easter Break
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

School Uniform

We currently have a limited amount of white polo shirts with the school logo on, ranging in size from 7/8 to 11/12. We are selling these as a PE t-shirt for a price of £1.50. We also have trousers, shirts, PE shorts and PE shirts available in large sizes and skirts in most sizes at 50p per item.

Home Reading Winners – Spring 1

'Congratulations to the winners for Spring 1's home reading awards! Did your child win in their class? There are great prizes for your children to win each half term. Make sure your child reads their home reading book and regularly changes it for a new one. Don't forget to write in their reading log so we know you've listened to them read!'

Prizes/awards are given to children that improve consistency of home reading and changing their book, having positive attitude towards reading and their overall effort home reading and working hard at it.

Congratulations, a selection of the winners are listed below:-

Harley Hall	-	University of Loughborough
Tillie Lewis	-	University of St Andrews
Mostakim Ali	-	University of Durham
Safa Ghassan	-	University of York
Ethan Martin	-	University of Birmingham
Sandra Szlast	-	University College London
Tyler Burgess	-	University of Edinburgh



Overall class winner was University of Exeter

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 High Attendance
23.1.15	University of Leicester - 97.27%
30.1.15	University of Loughborough - 93.85%
06.2.15	University of Surrey - 99%

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



Football News

Our newly established football team played their first home game against Ark Dickens Primary Academy. The boys were able to play good passing football and, despite some first-half heroics from our goalkeeper, the result was 3 - 1 to Ark Dickens. We played them again this week but at their ground. What a difference, all our hard work paid off and we are proud to say the score was 14 - 12. Well played boys and thank you to family/friends for your support

Street Dance Competition Congratulations to the Street Dance Club who performed brilliantly at the Street Dance Competition at the Kings Theatre on Friday 30th January 2015, and for winning a prize for 'The Best Execution of Moves', you made us very proud! Thank you to Mrs Hawkyard and Mrs Serjent for helping out with the organisation and costumes as well as all the support we have had from parents/carers.

And Finally....

Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears, and never regrets.

Leonardo da Vinci

Yours sincerely

J A Fleming

Mrs J Fleming
Headteacher

