

ARK Ayrton Primary Academy



News Letter – 2nd April 2015

Rainbow Conservatory

I have some exciting news! Over the Easter holidays, the building work, which will be our new conservatory, should be finished. It will be named the Rainbow Conservatory as the roof will be made up of different colours giving it a rainbow effect. This will provide some of our children the opportunity to eat their packed lunches under cover in the fresh air.

Staffing Changes

As the end of term 4 approaches, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Nickerson who, is leaving after 8 years with us as she has been appointed Headteacher at Moorings Way Infant School. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Nickerson for her fantastic contribution to Ark Ayrton during her time here and wishing her well in her new position.



We welcome back Mrs Payne from maternity leave and next term we will also welcome back Mrs Chapman and there will be introductions to our new Deputy Headteacher, Miss Bennett, who is joining us from St John's CofE School.



Parent Governor

Are you interested in becoming a parent governor? We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body and would love to hear from you. Please speak to someone in the school office by no later than Tuesday 21st April 2015.

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 Mr Cripps and Miss Fisher 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.

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. Most weeks we have a guest speaker on varying subjects which have so far included an artist and community wardens. Refreshments are available



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 24 th April 2015	Year 2 - Universities of St Andrews 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
Monday 20 th April 2015	School Closed: Inset Day
Tuesday 21 st April 2015	School re-opens - Summer Term
Wednesday 22 nd April 2015	Year 4 Visit to Portsmouth City Museum
Monday 11 th May 2015	Year 6 SATs week

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 earn the better the prize.



Week Ending	Class with Highest Attendance
20.3.15	 University of Leicester - 100% 
27.3.15	University of York 99.09%

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 through ill-health.

We wish all our families and friends a lovely break and look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 21st April.

Mrs J Fleming
Headteacher

