

ARK Ayrton Primary Academy News Letter 10th February 2016



School Dates

School is open Thursday 11th February 2016

Friday 12 th February	School closed for INSET days - and Spring half term
Monday 22 nd February	School re-opens for Spring 2 Term
Monday 29 th February	School closed for INSET Day
Tuesday 8 th March	Parents' Evening (years 1 to 6)
Wednesday 9 th March	Parents' Evening (years 1 to 6)
Thursday 24 th March	School closes end of day for Easter Holidays
Monday 11 th April	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 12 th April	School re-opens for Summer 1 Term
Wednesday 13 th April	Parents' Evening for Nursery and Reception
Thursday 14 th April	Parents' Evening for Nursery and Reception
Monday 2 nd May	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
Friday 27 th May	School closes for Summer half term
Monday 6 th 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.

26.02.16 - Year 5 (Universities of Kent & Reading)

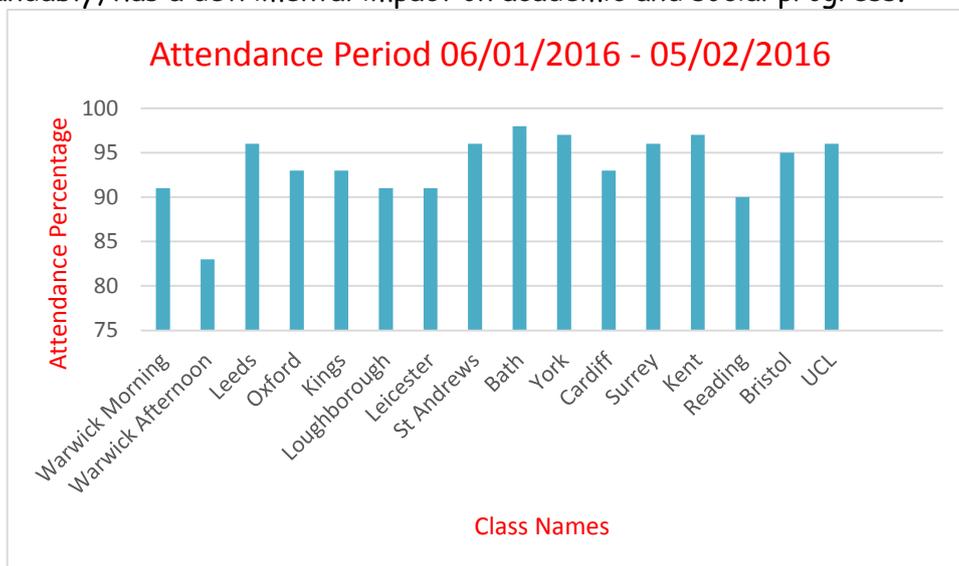
11.03.16 - Year 4 (Universities of Cardiff & Surrey)

18.03.16 - Year 3 (Universities of Bath & York)

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

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 Bath, Kent, Leeds, St Andrews, Surrey, UCL and York for achieving this target and congratulations to University of Bath for sustaining the highest attendance within the entire school. 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

School Uniform



A gentle reminder that Ark Ayrton's school colour for skirts and trousers is grey (not black). Sensible black shoes should also be worn, not boots, trainers or sandals. Full uniform must be worn during the school day. Jumpers and cardigans must be bought from the school.

Big Lottery Grant Funds Children's Sports Activities

We know all of the children have thoroughly enjoyed the activities which have been provided from the 'Big Lottery Fund'. As we come to the end of our funding, we would like to thank all the coaches from Pompey in the Community who have been leading lunchtime sports sessions as well as class based activities.



Street dance Competition

A huge well done to our Street Dance After School Club who took part in the "Up For It" Street dance competition. They had a fantastic time performing on stage at The New Theatre Royal and were awarded the School with Most Stage Presence. A big thank you to Mrs Hawkyard for organising this event and also to Mrs Dunning, parents (Miss Santos and Miss Moore) for coming along to help and those parents who came to support their children



Keeping Children Safe

We have recently updated our Safeguarding Policy, a copy of which you can read on our website or obtain from the school office. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of children at any time, then please ask to see Mrs Chapman, Mandy or Mrs Fleming who are the Safeguarding Lead staff in school.

E-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>

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.

Don't forget to check our school website www.arkayrtonprimary.org for information or follow us on twitter @arkayrton.

And Finally....

Have a safe and happy half term

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jan Fleming
Headteacher

