

ARK Ayrton Primary Academy



News Letter – 6th October 2014

This term seems to be flying by. I would like to congratulate the children on their approach to school and learning. I would like to thank parents/carers for their continued support.

Our newsletter will be sent home regularly with dates for your diary, information about class visits, visitors to school and parent/carer events. Please make sure you read these and make a note of any important dates relating to your children.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

From this term, all children in years reception, 1 and 2 in England will be entitled to a free hot meal at lunchtime every day. A new menu will be sent out as soon as we have received it from the Caterers. This will help you choose your child's meals with them.

A Few Reminders

- Please do not use the car park as it is for staff parking and not for dropping off/Collecting children.
- Thank you to parents for not bringing Dogs onto the playground.
- The school premises are non-smoking.
- Please ensure you stay with your child on the playground until the bell goes as they will be unsupervised.

This half term we said good-bye to Mrs Payne while she starts her maternity leave. We will keep you updated with any baby News



Huge Congratulations

A massive well done to Miss Vokes, LSA in University of St. Andrews, who took part in the 'Adult Triple Crown' bowling championships in Ireland last weekend. Miss Vokes was representing England. She won Gold in Singles, Gold in Doubles, Gold in Trios and Bronze in the All Events category. Bringing home a very impressive 4 medals for England. Wow!

Home Reading

Books will be exchanged on the following days:

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

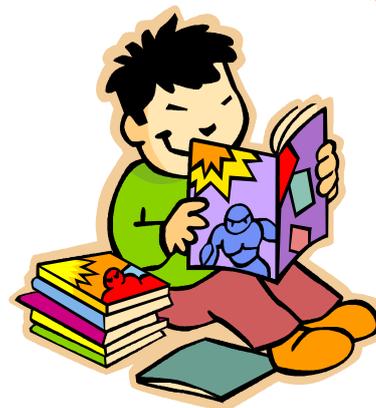
Tuesday - University of Surrey

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!

Friday 10th October, 9am, in the hall. **Year 1 Phonics Check workshop.** Come and find out about the phonics check and how we will be teaching phonics to prepare your children.

Thursday 13th November, 9am, in the hall. **Reception parents** are invited to find out about our Read Write Inc phonics programme and watch some phonics teaching in class. Parents in the past have found it interesting to see how things are taught in school and find out how they can help at home.

We look forward to seeing you there.

School Dates

Friday 10 th October	Year 1 Phonics Check Workshop
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
Wednesday 12 th November	Year 6 Residential Trip to McMillan Centre, Kent
Thursday 13 th November	Reception parents' invited to Phonics Lesson
Friday 19 th December	Christmas holidays close 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

We have an exciting new Debating Club which will start after half term for years 5 and 6. Singing/choir will also start but will be held on a Tuesday not Thursdays as previously stated. Kano club will also be starting on Tuesday 11th October. Those who applied for singing and kano will automatically start and will not have to re-apply. After half term football will be for those in years 5 & 6. Forms will be available from the office the week beginning Monday 13th October and must be returned as soon as possible. Forms received after Friday 17th October may not be considered. If your child has attended cookery club this term they will not be able to apply again for this club this academic year.

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.

- 17.10.14 - Year 4 (Universities of Cardiff & Surrey)
- 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. So make sure your child comes to school on time every day. Well done to parents/carers of children in University of Oxford who have won attendance 3 out of the 4 weeks.



Week Ending	Class with High Attendance	Whole School Attendance
12.9.14	University of Oxford - 98.64%	92.35%
19.9.14	University of Oxford - 97.93%	92.38%
22.9.14	Universities of York - 99.09% And St Andrews - 99.09%	92.83%
3.10.14	Universities of Oxford - 100% And York - 100% 😊	95.15% 😊

Yours sincerely

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