

ARK Ayrton Primary Academy News Letter 6th May 2016



This year KS2 SATs week for year 6 children is from 9th - 12th May 2016. We are really proud of our Year 6 children who we know will show off their wonderful learning to their very best during this week. Please can I remind parents that it is essential that all Y6 children are in school on time during that week. Breakfast will be available from Monday through to Thursday for all of our year 6 children to ensure that they have the best start to the day before their SATs begin.

School Dates

Friday 13 th May	Year 6 Trip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park
Friday 27 th May	School closes for Summer half term
Monday 6 th June	School re-opens for Summer 2 Term
Friday 24 th June	School closed for Inset Day
Friday 8 th July	School closes at 1.15 no afternoon nursery session
Wednesday 20 th July	Schools closes for Summer holidays

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.

13.05.16 - Year 1 (Kings College London and University of Loughborough)

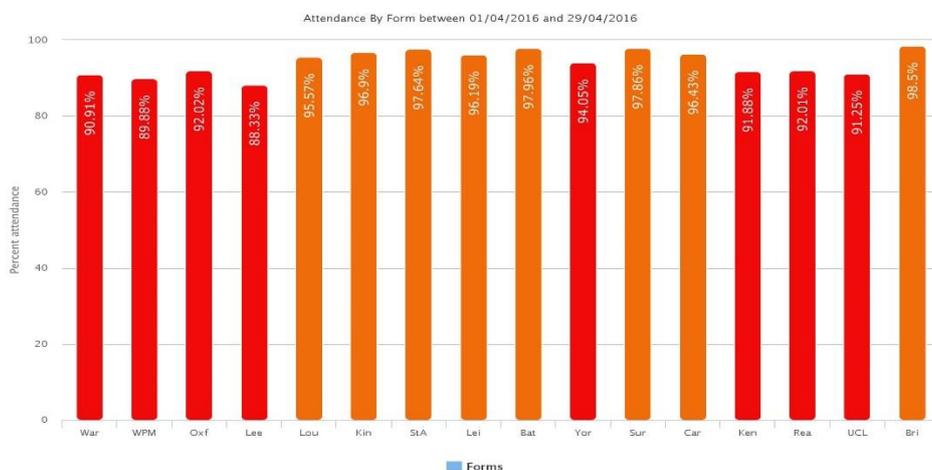
27.5.16 - Reception (Universities of Leeds and Oxford)

10.06.16 - Nursery (Will take place am and pm in the Nursery Classroom)

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 April 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 all classes who have achieved this. 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

Year 4 - Harry Potter Day

The focus of the day was to develop skills in English, Maths and Science around the theme of Harry Potter. Pupils and staff dressed up as characters from Harry Potter; taking part in some creative writing and character descriptions in english, potion creation for science focusing on ingredients plus arithmetic activities.



ZooLab

We had some interesting visitors in school last week. Stitch the rat who did a few spins for us, a cockroach, a terantula and Evie the Cornsnake. The children had a brilliant time getting to know more about them. Thank you to Joe from ZooLab for giving the children this amazing opportunity.



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 by coming into the school office or by phoning her on 023 9282 4828.

General School News

Have you treated yourself to a new phone? If so then please remember to let us know if your number has changed. You would be amazed at the number of parents who we try to contact in an emergency only to find that their details have not been updated. This includes landline numbers when you move house!

Collecting your child at 11.45 am and 3.45pm - 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



Glasses - Found

We have two pairs of children's glasses in the office that have not been claimed. If you think they may belong to you please pop in and speak to a member of staff.

Safeguarding

In line with our Safeguarding policy and guidelines, we are not permitted to share information about a child with anyone other than those with parental responsibility. If you would like the option of us discussing your child with, for example, a new partner or family member who may be dropping/collecting your child, please come and see Mandy to complete & sign paperwork to this effect.

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>

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Fleming
Headteacher

And finally

