

ARK Ayrton Primary Academy News Letter 8th January 2016



Welcome to the spring term at Ark Ayrton Primary Academy. The children have arrived back smart and ready to learn (if a little tired from all the festivities!).

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.

22.01.16 - Nursery (11.20 am and 3.00 pm) to be held in the Nursery classroom

05.02.16 - Year 6 (University College London & University of Bristol)

26.02.16 - Year 5 (Universities of Kent & Reading)

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.

School Dates

Tuesday 19 th January	Year 5 - School Trip to Marwell Zoo
Tuesday 2 nd February	Morning Nursery Trip to Gunwharf (No afternoon nursery session)
Wednesday 3 rd February	Afternoon Nursery Trip to Gunwharf (No morning nursery session)
Friday 5 th February	Year 4 - School Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
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

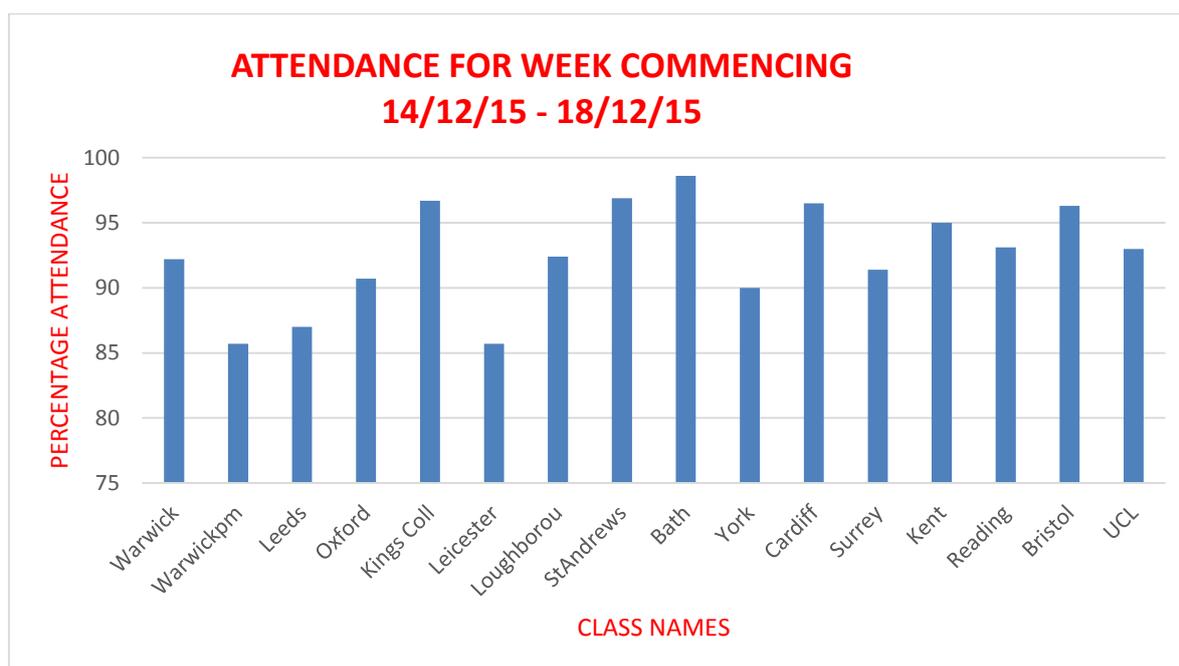
Reception Places for September 2016

If you have a child born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012, he or she can start school in September 2016. The last date to apply is 15th January 2016. Don't be late as this will affect your chances of a place at your preferred school. Visit Portsmouth City Website to apply online www.portsmouth.gov.uk/schooldadmissions or phone 023 9268 8008.

Attendance

The chart below shows the attendance for each class for one week commencing 18/12/2015. 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, Bristol, Cardiff, Kings College London and St Andrews for achieving this target. Let's try really hard to get the whole school attendance up above this. Come to school on time every day.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or punctuality please contact Mrs Hewitt or a member of the Pastoral Team.



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.

Absence

Please contact the school office as soon as possible each morning if your child is absent, or leave a message on the answer machine. Please also provide us with any letters/documents of any appointments your child may have with the hospital, doctors or dentists and bring in medication prescribed to show us as proof. Unfortunately we are not able to administer medicine in school. We need to be able to contact you should there be any emergencies, ie, school closure due to weather or if your child is unwell. Please remember to keep us updated with any changes of phone numbers and addresses

Appointment CARDS

THE UNIVERSITY OF BATH	
Tel: 01225 310000	
Name	_____
Surf	_____
Med	_____
Phon	_____
Fax	_____
Sat	_____
Sun	_____
If you are unable to attend an appointment, please notify us.	
Your next appointment is	
Date	_____
Time	_____
Dianne March 345 5004	
2020 Park Avenue	

Lateness



Please make sure your child arrives at school on time. The same 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. By setting your alarm 10 minutes earlier this will ensure your child gets to school on time.



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>



School Meals

The cost of a school meal is £2. All meals must be paid for in advance, ie the beginning of the week or the morning of their lunch. The correct amount of money must be given to your child to give to their teacher

After School Clubs

All clubs have re-started this week. You will have received a text as confirmation that your child has been successful in gaining a space and for which club(s). If you are unsure please contact Mrs Hawkyard in the school office.

Warm Clothes!

Please make sure your children are wrapped up warm during this cold snap. This means hats, coats, scarves, gloves and wellies. Remember everything needs to be named!
Thank you.



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....

I would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous new year

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jan Fleming
Headteacher

