



Ark Ayrton Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

January has just come to an end and we are nearly at the end of this very short half term. The academy has begun this new year as we mean to go on with continued hard work and determination by all involved to achieve great outcomes for all our children and become recognised as a 'good school' within the next year.



An important part of school life and improvement is listening to the voice of the children and providing opportunities for children to take increasing responsibility within their school to help drive the school forward. We have just finished interviewing Y6 children for the position of Head Boy and Head Girl on the basis of their applications.

I am delighted to announce that Hamza and Rozea were the successful applicants and have already attended their first job – some training at the council offices today to learn about the Junior Road Safety

Officer scheme. They will be sharing what they have found out and helping to recruit some children across the school to become JRSO's to help keep our school and children safe!

All children in Years 5 and 6 then voted for their Deputy Head Boy and Girl – candidates presented their applications to the year groups and each child then voted for who they wanted to take on this role. Well done to Corben and Reena who were the successful candidates and who will support Hamza and Rozea to help make improvements across the academy.

I would like to recognise all the children in Years 5 and 6 who applied for the positions – they showed great motivation and pride in their school and did so well in their applications. Many of them will take up further new roles including Y6 Prefects, JRSO's and Change for Life Champions helping to run playground games.

Homework Projects

Some children have begun to bring their half term homework challenge projects in to school– we are always blown away with the effort and quality of the work you clearly help your children to produce. Please ensure these are brought in to school by next Thursday so we can all celebrate them in our Achievement Assembly next Friday. We will then keep them for after half term and display them at Progress Reviews (parents evening which will take place after half term.) Thank you for your support with these – the children love them doing them, are rightly proud of them and they really help to bring their learning to life!



School Closed

Please note that school is closed to children on Monday 19th February after half term. We will look forward to welcoming all the children back for the start of the second half of the Spring Term on Tuesday 20th February at 8.45am.



Please see important dates below for the rest of the Spring Term – further details will follow.

Friday 9th February – last day of this half term

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 19th February – INSET DAY – school closed to children

Tuesday 20th February – second half terms begins for all children

Tuesday 20th February @ 3pm – Y6 SATS meeting for ALL Y6 parents

Tuesday 20th February – Progress Reviews/Parents Evening (Seahouses children only)

Wednesday 21st February – Progress Reviews/Parents Evening for all children

Thursday 22nd February - Progress Reviews/Parents Evening for all children (not Seahouses)

Thursday 1st March – Y5/6 Assembly and Showcase for parents/carers @ 9am

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day – parent/carer reading event @ 3pm

Thursday 15th March – Nursery and Reception Assembly and Showcase for parents/carers @ 9am

Thursday 15th March – Year 3/4 Visit to The Tower of London

Friday 16th March – INSET DAY – school closed to children

Monday 19th March – INSET DAY – school closed to children

Wednesday 21st March – fundraising event in school and Celebration Assembly for Mrs Fairbairn

Thursday 29th March – Whole School Showcase for all parents/carers @ 2pm

Thursday 29th March – LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

Attendance

Attendance is currently 94.78% for all children and 95.43% for Years 1-6.

This is not good enough. We currently have 17% of children across the academy who are persistently absent from school meaning their attendance is below 90%.

They are missing significant chunks of their learning making it hard for them to catch up and keep up. Attendance has not been very good this month, particularly Mondays. If your child is absent and we do not hear from you or your child's attendance is a concern we will home visit and request meetings to address this with you. We will take further action involving the Local Authority where needed.

Thank you to all those parents, carers and children who support the school with great attendance and punctuality and there are many, many of you!

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing all the children on Monday at 8.45am.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Chapman (Head Teacher)

