



# Ark Ayrton Primary & Nursery Newsletter

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## A message from the Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. A big welcome in particular, to our new Reception children and staff, who have joined us this year. I hope you all had a relaxing summer—from what the children have been saying you all had a rather busy one!

The children have come back brilliantly! They are settled, engaged with their learning and look very smart! We have some Year One children who are still in polo shirts—Year One children do need to be in a white shirt. Polo shirts are only allowed for Reception and Nursery. Staff will be speaking to individual parents about uniform, so that we can support you in making sure your child is in the correct uniform.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead, with lots of dates and events. Please do look at the calendar and what is going on—further details are on the back of the newsletter.

We have amended our Ayrton values to ensure that they are responsive to the context of our school. Our new values are: resilience, respect, kindness, responsibility, community and inclusion.

Over the coming week, Phase Leaders will be inviting you to a meeting to discuss with you the year ahead and the expectations. Letters home will follow for this but it would be a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and Phase Lead.

Mandy, one of our Safeguarding Leads, is currently undergoing chemotherapy and because of this, is having to work at home. She is contactable and can be contacted through [info@arkayrtonprimary.org](mailto:info@arkayrtonprimary.org). She is still attending meetings and will phone you if she needs to talk to you. We are expecting her back in the building from January onwards.

Please do read the rest of the newsletter, as there are a lot of key messages for the start of the year.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you all on Monday!

Kind regards, Mrs Bennett-Acres and Team Ayrton

## Attendance

**This weeks attendance was 92%. The best attendance was 100% for St Helier.**

**It is important that your child is here on time, every day, so that they do not miss out on their learning!**

**Don't forget that school now finishes at 3.30!**

## Queen Elizabeth II

From all of us at Ark Ayrton, we send our condolences to the Royal Family. Today we held a minute's silence to honour and remember her lifetimes dedication to our country.



## What's going on next week?

**Monday 12th—Years 1 and 2 parent meeting in the hall 3pm**

**Tuesday 13th— Years 3 and 4 parent meeting in the hall 3pm**

**Wednesday 14th—Years 5 and 6 parent meeting in the hall 3pm**



### **News Mrs Ayrton and Mrs Scarsbrook in Nursery and Reception**

A big welcome to all of our Nursery children. It's lovely to see all of our children back. We have been busy with settling in visits this week. Our Room newsletters will be out next week and they will give you more detail with regards to your child's learning.

The Reception Team have been busy getting our new classrooms ready to welcome our new children! We have started our home visits, and it has been lovely being out in the community and starting to meet our new children on our home visits!



### **News from Mrs Serjent in Years One and Two**

It's been lovely to see all of the children back after what I hope was an amazing summer. All of the children in KS1 have had a calm and settled start to the new school year. This week we have been reading the story 'Leaf'. We have created beautiful displays for our classrooms and sequenced the story to practise our writing skills. We are so excited to see all of the amazing achievements from the children this year.

Looking forward to seeing you all next week at our meeting!



### **News from Mrs Predeth in Years Three and Four**

It has been lovely to see all the new Year Three and Four children returning back to school. This week the children have loved learning about their new Lighthouses, our new rules and values and have been busy creating lots of beautiful art work which will be on display. I'm looking forward to meeting you all next week at our parent meeting.



### **News from Miss Robinson in Years Five and Six**

Hello everyone and welcome back! It's been so lovely to see you all back at school and see so many smiling faces. We've been creating some great artwork based on a book called Leaf. This has also inspired us to write some excellent diary entries about the main character and also make a map of the story setting. We're all really looking forward to this year and all the amazing things we're going to achieve together!

See you all next week at our meeting!



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## Principles, values and rules

Our Ayrton **principles** are:

**Aim High, Work Hard, Play Fair and Shine Bright**

Our **values** this year have changed slightly and they are now:

**Respect, Resilience, Kindness, Responsibility, Community and Inclusion**

Our new **school rules** are:

We will:

- Come to school on time, every day with everything we need, ready to learn
- Wear the correct Ayrton uniform and always dress smartly
- Treat each other as we want to be treated
- Walk quietly and sensibly around the school
- Be polite and use good manners
- Make safe choices for ourselves and others and always be where we should be
- Treat our school environment and all belongings with care

### **Before and After School club**

**We have some spaces in our before and after school club. Breakfast club for Pupil Premium children is free from 8.10. Please phone the office and ask for Julie for more information**

### **Uniform**

Polo shirts are only to be worn by Reception and Nursery children. All children in Years 3-6 must wear a white shirt with a school tie. All jumpers and blazers must have the school logo on.

Children must only wear stud earring—no hoops allowed.

If anyone needs any help with uniform, there is a used uniform rail in the Office—please help yourselves!

**Our school website has details of term dates, dinner menus and lots of other information. Please do have a look, when you have some time!**

## **Dates for your diary**

Monday 12th September—Years 1 and 2 parent meeting 3pm in the hall

Tuesday 13th September—Years 3 and 4 parent meeting 3pm in the hall

Wednesday 14th September—Years 5 and 6 parent meeting 3pm in the hall

Friday 16th September—Deadline for any school leadership applications from the children

Friday 23rd September—Coffee afternoon—parents welcome in the new Tech Room from 3pm onwards. The Senior Leadership Team will be available for you

Tuesday 27th September—Flu Immunisations

Friday 30th September—3.30 Macmillan cake sale on the playground

Monday 3rd—Friday 7th October—Special menu for the week for British Food fortnight

Monday 10th—Wednesday 12th October—Year 6 residential

Friday 21st October—INSET Day—Ayrton school and nursery closed for all