



Ark Ayrton Primary & Nursery Newsletter

Friday
10th
February



A message from the Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that it is half term already! This term has flown by and the children have engaged amazingly with their learning.

It was lovely to see you all at parents evening this week. The teachers loved having the opportunity to talk to you about your child's progress. Thank you to all of you who joined us for our parent reading workshop last week. It was a fabulous turn out and I hope you enjoyed having the opportunity to read with your child in class.

So far this term, we have participated in over 21 workshops, experiences and trips such as: Aspirations Week, Florence Nightingale trip to Fort Nelson, a visit to Portchester Castle, a visit to Hundred Acre Woods to build dens, the author Ali Sparkes into school to speak to the children, Weald and Down Museum trip and lots more! Our enrichment programme is part of our conscious and responsive curriculum which we have designed for our children.

Thank you to those parents who have completed our parent survey. If you have not completed it yet, please do as we want your feedback to further improve. The feedback we have had so far has really made us think about how we make parents feel more a part of our school community. Please use this link to complete the quick survey www.edurio.com/poll/6nUMRd

Just a reminder to all parents that children should not be wearing hooped earrings into school. A small stud is accepted due to health and safety reasons.

We are thinking about all of our families who have been affected by the terrible earthquakes in Turkey and the surrounding areas. On Friday 24th February we will be having a non uniform day to raise money for aid to go to Turkey to support them. It is a 50p donation, or as much as you would like to give.

From all of us here at Ayrton, have a lovely half term break and we will see you all on Monday 20th February at 8.40.

Kind regards, Mrs Bennett-Acres and Team Ayrton

Attendance

Well done to Southsea who have the highest attendance this week!

Please make sure your child is at school, on time, everyday.

Mathletics and TTRS

Please make sure that your child is accessing this on a daily basis. This will really help them with their understanding of number.

Reading

Please make sure that you read with your child at least 3 times a week. Research shows that children who are heard read daily by a parent or carer have an increased confidence with reading and are more likely to become life long readers.



What's on the first week back?

20.2 Y4 and 5 Cricket workshop

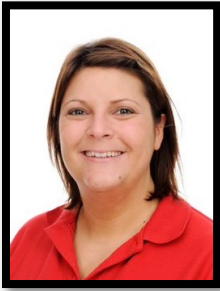
21.2 Seahouses trip to Longdown Farm

22.2 Longships trip to Longdown Farm

23.2–24.2 Y4 Residential

24.2–Non Uniform day to raise money for earthquakes in Turkey

News from Mrs Ayrton in Nursery



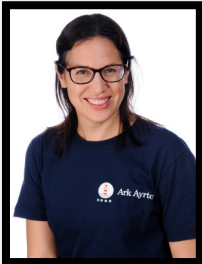
Startpoint have been busy exploring musical instruments – looking at their faces in the mirror and discovering features of their faces. They have been able to say what is similar and different. The children have loved the dinosaur land set up in the room and during PE were practising following instructions through sticky kids.

Hartland point have been making valentines rocky road and baking and decorating gingerbread men for the end of the fairy tale Fridays. Its children mental health week so they have been practising their gentle breathing and yoga in the dance studio.

Preschool have been making valentines cards for their loved ones and for children's mental health week we have been talking about our emotions and how to talk about them. There has been lots of focus on dental health and tooth brushing games – we have also been practicing our rhyming.

From everyone in the Nursery, have a wonderful half term!

News from Mrs Scarsbrook in Reception



What a wonderful spring 1 it has been! The children have worked so hard with their leaning and have enjoyed our topic, learning all about different animals. The children loved their first school trip - exploring the woods! They worked hard to support each other to make dens!

We wish you a wonderful half term break, ready to continue our learning journey together! In Spring 2, we are going to be learning about dinosaurs, dragons and mini beasts! 🐾🐉🦖

News from Mrs Serjent in Years One and Two



Its been a busy half term in KS1. Year 1 visited Portchester Castle earlier in the term and have been applying what they have learnt in their non-fiction writing in Literacy. They have been learning to tell the time to 'o'clock' and half past' and are able to explain how they know.

Year 2 visited the Spinnaker Tower this week and had an amazing time. They were all very brave and stood on the glass viewing platform.

They have also been learning to tell the time in 5 minutes intervals.

Next half term is full of exciting trips so please keep an eye out for any letters regarding these.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 20th February!

Y4 Residential spaces available

We have some spaces left on the Y4 residential, which we are opening up to Y5 or Y6 children. If you would like your child to go it is £40, payable in instalments. Please contact the office if you are interested.

News from Mrs Predeth in Years Three and Four



This half term, Year 3 have enjoyed learning all about the Ancient Greeks and Greek myths. They took part in a workshop this week, where they learnt about Ancient Greek soldiers and Medusa. In Art, the children have been learning about Eric Carle and have created Greek vase collages in the same style.

This half term, Year 4 have loved learning about the Romans. We visited Fort Nelson and were able to step into the lives of the Romans. We had so much fun! In Art we explored Eduardo Kobar and his amazing mural art. This inspired us to create Roman collage shields, which came out amazingly! We have been exploring the digestive system in science and even made our own! We are really impressed with everyone's enthusiasm this half term and can't wait for next half term!!

Have a wonderful break!

News from Miss Robinson in Years Five and Six



Hello everyone! Year 5 and 6 have had a brilliant start to the year - we've celebrated Aspirations Week with some important visitors; Chinese New Year with celebration assemblies and National Storytelling week, where many of our parents joined us for a special SURF session. Every week, the children have taken part in Enrichment lessons where they've learnt new skills and techniques to use at school and at home. The children have engaged amazingly, we can't wait for the new enrichment options to start next half term!

Year 5 have visited the Weald and Downland Museum for an exciting day of Victorian workshops followed by both year groups enjoying an acting workshop and performance at the Groundling Theatre this week. What a great half term we've had! Have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 20th February.

Uniform Rail

Don't forget we have a no questions asked uniform rail in the Office that you can access free of charge.

Please make sure that your child has the correct uniform on every day. PE is black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, not multicoloured bottoms.

Foodbank

If you need a foodbank voucher, please speak to Mandy or Mrs Bennett-Acres and they will be able to sort one for you!

Packed Lunches

We are a nut free school and have several members of our school community, who are severely allergic to nuts. Please check the ingredients of what you are putting in lunchboxes to make sure they do not contain nuts.