



# Ark Ayrton Primary & Nursery Newsletter

Friday  
16th  
December



## A message from the Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

How is it the end of the Autumn term already? It seems like only last week we had all returned from the summer holidays! It has been a busy term and we have achieved so much; the children have worked hard on their learning and have constantly shown our values. This week Reception had their Christmas assembly, where they sang beautifully. We have also had our Christmas Fair! Thank you so much for bearing with us after having to unexpectedly postpone due to a significant IT issue and closing parts of the school off. It was amazing to see so many of you coming into Ayrton to support us today. The money raised will be spent on the children and they are deciding what they would like to spend it on. A big thank you to the staff for organising this—it takes a lot of time to put together a Christmas Fair! Today we have also had our KS2 Christmas Concerts. The children were amazing! They excelled with their singing and behaved impeccably. It was also lovely to see so many of you join us to watch the children perform. A big thank you to the staff who helped put the concert together.

The Spring term is jam packed full of trips, residential and exciting events! I have included a list of diary dates for you on the back of the newsletter. As I said in last week's newsletter, we will be letting you know the cost of these events in January, to help you plan with your budgets. I know how tricky things are at the moment with finances and I just wanted to reassure you that we do heavily subsidise the trips and residential to help. We can offer payment plans over longer periods for the trips/residential, food bank vouchers if you need one and don't forget our uniform rail is free of charge if you need something from it. Should anyone need a food bank voucher over the break, please do email me at [info@arkayrtonprimary.org](mailto:info@arkayrtonprimary.org) or message the Ayrton Facebook page, so that I can organise one for you.

From all of us here at Ayrton, we wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year and will see you in 2023!

Kind regards, Mrs Bennett-Acres and Team Ayrton

## Attendance

Attendance has taken a bit of a hit this week with colds, coughs and sickness! Thank you to those parents who have been vigilant and taken children to be checked for Strep A and Scarlet Fever.

Remember school finishes at 3.30. If you are running late, please phone the office to let us know.

## Enrichment

Did you know that we offer clubs and enrichment within our school day as part of our curriculum? Every Thursday between 2.30-3.30 we come off of our timetable and all children choose which club they'd like to attend within their phase.

Research has proven that enrichment is key to building character, confidence and life skills which link to positive outcomes at school and beyond.

Our afterschool club list will be out the first week back, please do encourage your children to sign up!

## Times table Rock Stars

Every child at Ayrton has access to TTRS and has a log in and password. You can download it as an app onto a device or you can login through the browser on a laptop. It is so important that children learn their multiplication tables. Please make sure your child logs on over the Christmas period. Ten minutes a day practicing will accelerate their progress in maths. If anyone needs a log-in, please email [info@arkayrtonprimary.org](mailto:info@arkayrtonprimary.org) and we can sort it for you.

## Dates for you Diaries!

We are still waiting on venues to confirm our trips for Years 3, 5 and 6. As soon as we know, we will let you know.

Tuesday 3rd January—First day back after Christmas holidays

Monday 9th January —Aspirations week starts with visitors in each day to talk to the children about future career opportunities

Friday 13th January—Children to come in dressed up as their future selves! Stephen Morgan is also in to visit us this day!

Monday 16th January—INSET day—School and Nursery closed

Tuesday 17th January—INSET day—School and Nursery closed

Thursday 19th January—All of Year 4 are going to Fort Nelson for a Roman workshop

Friday 20th January— All of Year 1 are going to Portchester Castle

Wednesday 25th January—All of Year 2 are going to Fort Nelson for a Florence Nightingale workshop

Friday 27th January—Special Chinese menu for this day to celebrate Chinese New Year

Monday 30th Jan –Friday 3rd February—No clubs this week due to parents evening

Tuesday 31st—Reception Seahouses class trip to 100 Acre Wood to build dens and parents evening

Wednesday 1st February—INSET day—School and Nursery closed

Thursday 2nd February—Reception Longships class trip to 100 Acre Wood to build dens and parents evening

Monday 6th February—Friday 10th February—Children's Mental Health week

Monday 6th February—Year 5 Southsea class trip to Weald and Downland Museum for a Victorian school day

Tuesday 7th February—Year 3 Greek workshop in school and Year 5 St Hellier class trip to Weald and Downland Museum for a Victorian school day

Friday 10th February—Valentines Non uniform day (50p) to raise money for the British Heart Foundation and last day before half term

Monday 13th February—Friday 17th February—Half term

Monday 20th February—School starts 8.45

Tuesday 21st February—Reception Seahouses class trip to Longdown activity farm

Wednesday 22nd February—Reception Longships class trip to Longdown activity farm

Thursday 23rd February—Friday 24th February—Year 4 Residential to Fairthorne Manor

Monday 27th February—ASDA cookery workshops for Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5

Wednesday 1st March—ASDA cookery workshops for Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

Thursday 2nd March—World Book Day! Children to come in dressed up. Parents are invited into Ayrton at 2.45 to read with their children

Friday 3rd March—Year 3 New Brighton fossil hunting class trip

Monday 6th March —ASDA cookery workshops for Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5

Tuesday 7th March—Children to come to school wearing an old white T-shirt which will get messy as they experience the Holi festival!

Wednesday 8th March— ASDA cookery workshops for Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

Wednesday 8th March—Year 1 Smalls class ‘Welly wandering’ down the Hayling Billy Trail—children will need to bring their wellies into school this day

Thursday 9th March—Year 1 Mumbles class ‘Welly wandering’ down the Hayling Billy Trail—children will need to bring their wellies into school this day

Friday 10th March—All parents invited in for a Showcase to celebrate the children’s work at 2.45

Tuesday 14th March—Year 1 Smalls class visit to Portsmouth Natural History museum

Wednesday 15th March—Year 1 Mumbles class visit to Portsmouth Natural History Museum

Thursday 16th March—Friday 17th March—Year 3 residential to Fort Purbrook

Tuesday 21st March— Year 2 Barns Ness trip to Winchester Science Museum

Wednesday 22nd March—Year 2 St Ives trip to Winchester Science Museum

Thursday 23rd March—Year 1 trip to Southsea Castle

Thursday 30th March—INSET School and Nursery closed

Friday 31st March—INSET School and Nursery closed

Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April—Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April—School starts at 8.45