



Ark Ayrton Primary & Nursery Newsletter

Friday
21st April



A message from the Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term—I cannot believe that we are already two thirds through this academic year! I hope you all had a restful Easter holiday.

This term is another busy one with lots going on! On the back of this newsletter is a 'Dates for your Diary' list, which tells you about what is coming this term. Trip costings for the term will be with you next week, so that you know what is coming up.

Thank you to those parents who completed our recent parent surveys on both attendance and our wider Ayrton offer. It was great to be able to read your opinions and it has allowed us to be able to plan how we can act upon your feedback. One area which stood out, was that you didn't feel like part of the school community as much as you did pre-covid.

In response to this, we have arranged for a chef to come into Ayrton on 3rd May, to teach two parent cookery workshops in our new Practical Zone! This is free of charge to parents, but you do need to sign up! You will take a main meal or dessert home for the family to eat for dinner that night. If you would like take part, please contact the office.

We have also decided to repeat Sports Day for Years 1-6 at the Mountbattern Centre, like last year. I know how much you all enjoyed this and this year hopefully it won't be as hot, so we can do the parent/carer races!

It was lovely to see so many children looking smart in their uniform and PE kits this week—thank you for ensuring that black or dark grey PE kits and white tops have been worn.

Have a wonderful weekend and we'll see you Monday morning at 8.40 on the playground!

Kind regards,

Mrs Bennett-Acres and Team Ayrton

Attendance

Well done to St Helier who have the highest attendance this week of 97%

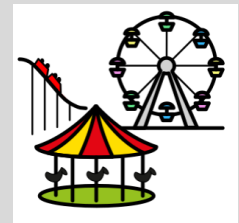
Please make sure your child is at school, on time, everyday.

Smoking

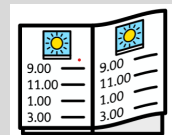
Please do not smoke outside of the school gates. Lots of children wrote about this in their recent pupil voice as they, quite rightly, do not like walking through the smoke.

Summer Fayre

If you would like a stall at our Summer Fayre, please speak to Mrs Tuck. There will be a £10 charge per table.



What's on next week?



Monday 24th—Y3 Residential

Tuesday 25th—Y3 Residential, Y5 Music workshop

Thursday 27th—School Nurse in for Reception children

News from Mrs Ayrton in Nursery



Welcome back to all our families.

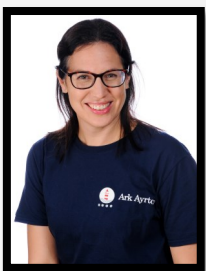
Startpoint have been welcoming some new faces to the Ayrton family – we started off the term with a trip to Staunton farm, the children loved it and we were lucky enough to see a baby lamb jumping round the barn. We have planted some tomatoes, sunflowers and peas – and we will start the competition on which sunflower grows the highest.

Hartland point –the topic of space has begun, and the children have been going into space in their very own space rocket. The children have been creating planets using playdough and been creating star pictures inspired by Vincent Van Gogh.

Whitby – we have been introducing our theme 'what's out there' looking at what is in space, the planets, their names and information about each one. We have also made paper mâché planets, rockets and spaceships. The role play has transformed into a greengrocer and the children have been playing with real vegetables – exploring textures/colours, shapes and size- where and how they grow. We have been making the most of the nice weather and started planting potatoes in our garden.

News from Mrs Scarsbrook in Reception

Wow! What an amazing start back for our Reception children! They have come back so grown up and ready to learn. To launch our new topic, 'What's Out There', we have been exploring the story,



'Whatever Next!' - all about a bear who travels to the moon in a box. As part of their learning, the children have been role playing the story, making rocket ships using junk modelling resources and writing captions to describe pictures from the story. With the sun out, we have also been enjoying spending time in the garden!

Don't forget to support your child with learning their 'red words' at home. We listen to the children once a week to see how many words they have learnt.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend and see you at 8.40am on Monday morning. 😊

News from Mrs Serjent in Years One and Two



It has been lovely to see the children back in school this week and to hear about all that they got up to during the Easter holidays.

The children have been busy beginning to learn about their new topics in History and Science.

In Year 1 this week they have been reading 'Paddington Bear' in Literacy and using their love of this story to practise and further embed their writing skills.

In Maths they have been using practical equipment and pictorial representations to find halves and quarters of shapes and amounts.

This week in History they began their topic called 'People who changed the world' and particularly enjoyed learning about Queen Elizabeth I.

In Year 2 this week they have been enjoying learning about Pirates and have been creating the front covers for their Horizons scrapbooks.

In Maths they have been learning about money, making different amounts and finding change. In Literacy they have been reading 'The Night Pirates' and have written their own diary entry based on this story.

Have a lovely weekend and see you at 8.40 Monday morning!

News from Mrs Predeth in Years Three and Four



It has been so lovely to welcome back Years 3 and 4 this half term. They have settled straight back in to Ayrton life and have started their new learning. Year 4 are enjoying their new topic of the Vikings. They are learning to write a story this half term including speech and are practising their times tables ready for their test at the end of the half term.

Year 3 are learning about life in Ancient Egypt this half term and are enjoying their fractions work in Maths..

It is lovely to see both year groups so settled and enjoying their days at school!

News from Miss Robinson in Years Five and Six



Hello everyone!

Welcome back to the Summer term in Years 5 and 6! We have a jam packed term of learning, fun and lots of exciting trips to look forward to! The children have come back settled and with increased maturity as they enter their last term of the academic year at school.

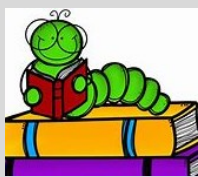
Year 5 are starting to learn about World War One, in preparation for their learning next year on World War Two.

Year 6 are continuing with their learning on Equality and Diversity. This half term is important for Year 6 as they sit their KS2 SATs tests. This is a chance for the Government to get a benchmark of the attainment of primary aged children across the country.

Please ensure that this term your child is at school, on time, everyday in order to maximise the progress they can make with their learning.

Reading

Please read with your child. It is so important that children read at home to practice what they have learnt in school. Being able to read opens so many more opportunities for our children.



Calling any parent helpers

Would you like to help us at our Summer Fayre with preparing and setting up? Or would you like to come in and listen to readers? We would really love to have some help extra parent helpers in school, working with us. If you are interested, please let Mrs Bennett-Acres know via the School Office

Dates for your diary!

There are some dates which have not yet been confirmed and therefore will be in addition to the dates below:

Monday 24th April—Tuesday 25th April—Year 3 residential
Thursday 27th April—Reception school nurse visit
Monday 1st May—Bank Holiday—Ayrton closed
Tuesday 2nd May—Year 3 St Catherines beach trip
Wednesday 3rd May—Year 3 New Brighton beach trip; Cookery workshops for parents with Chef James
Thursday 4th May—Kings Coronation Party—children to come dressed in their finest & Reception school nurse visit
Friday 5th May—Year 1 trip to Bournemouth Sealife Centre
Monday 8th May Bank Holiday—Ayrton closed
Tuesday 9th May—Friday 12th May—Year 6 SATs external tests
Monday 15th May—Wolf Rock Paultons Park reward trip
Tuesday 16th May—St Bees Paultons Park reward trip
Friday 19th May—Ayrton Family Breakfast! Breakfast and tea/coffee available for all parents/children in the hall from 8.30
Thursday 25th May—Year 3 St Catherines Arundel Wetlands trip
Friday 26th May—Year 3 New Brighton Arundel Wetlands trip and last day before half term
Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June—HALF TERM
Monday 5th June—Year 4 Needles trip to Gilbert White and Child Safety week
Tuesday 6th June—Year 4 Portland Bill trip to Gilbert White
Monday 12th June –Friday 16th June—Y1 Phonics screening check and Y4 Multiplication check
Tuesday 13th June—Year 3 St Catherines trip to River Hamble
Wednesday 14th June—Sports Day at Mountbatten
Thursday 15 June—New parent meeting 9am in the hall and Year 3 New Brighton trip to River Hamble
Friday 16th June—Summer Fair at 2pm
Tuesday 20th June—Reception Sports Day at Ayrton
Thursday 22nd June—Class photos
Tuesday 27th June—Year 1 Marwell trip Smalls
Thursday 29th June—Year 1 Marwell trip Mumbles
Monday 3rd July—Wednesday 5th July—Year 5 residential
Monday 3rd July—Year 6 parents meeting for sex education
Thursday 6th July and Friday 7th July—INSET days—Ayrton closed
Monday 10th July—Year 2 reward to Lego Land
Tuesday 11th July—Year 5 Book Awards trip
Wednesday 12th July—Year 3 bowling reward
Friday 14th July—Year 1 reward to Exploria
Monday 17th July—Year 4 reward to Laser Quest
Tuesday 18th July—End of Year parties EYFS/KS1 3-4pm. KS2 4-5pm
Wednesday 19th July—Year 6 production 2pm and 4.30 followed by a BBQ for Year 6 children and parents
Thursday 20th July—Ayrton Oscars awards for all children
Friday 21st July—Last day of term and Year 6 leavers assembly