



Ark Ayrton Primary Academy

Newsletter
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot quite believe that we have reached the end of the Autumn term already – it seems like only last week we came back from the summer holidays! We have achieved so much this term and it is great to be able to go back to offering our enrichment opportunities again. Our children have done us so proud this term and have been nothing short of amazing! They are kind, resilient and love their learning. There is a celebration of all they have achieved below. I'd just like to thank all of our staff here at Team Ayrton; they have worked incredibly hard this term not only dealing with the constraints and challenges of COVID, but through organising enrichment trips, planning and creating lessons which engage and motivate and delivering clubs. Lastly, a big thank you to you all for your support; I know at times it has been a challenge with COVID and having to isolate your child if positive, but we really do understand and appreciate your patience with it.

End of term arrangements

Class parties are planned for this Friday to celebrate the end of a successful term. Children can come into school wearing their party clothes and they will finish at their normal time. Please ensure no open toe or sling back footwear. On Friday there will be 'Guess the name of the bear', 'Guess how many sweets in the jar' and a cake raffle. It is 50p per entrance, with all money raised going to the School Council to decide how to spend it!

Clubs

Club letters will be going out the first week back in January. We have surveyed the children as to which clubs they would like and are amending our offer accordingly. Miss Robinson has sent out guitar and piano tuition letters separately and we will let you know when this will begin.

Christmas Concerts

Our Christmas Concerts have been recorded and the link will be emailed out to you on Friday. Thank you to the staff who have helped put this together and edited the footage for us!

Uniform

Our uniform is an important part of being in the Ayrton community. Please note the following:

- Trainers of any colour are not part of the school uniform. If there is a medical reason for why your child needs to wear them, please speak to your child's class teacher. Children should be in close toe black shoes.
- Children from Years 1-6 must wear a white shirt and not a polo t-shirt.
- Years 3-6 must wear a tie, which can be purchased from the Office.
- Years 5-6 must wear a blazer.
- All children are to wear grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dress.



If you are unsure what the uniform requirement is for your child, please contact the Office who can help you; Or if you are struggling for any reason with uniform, please see your child's teacher or phase leader, who will be able to help you.

Parent Forum

Thank you to those parents who have signed up for this. If anyone else would like to join, please email info@arkayrtonprimary.org so that I can invite you to our first morning in January.

Aspirations Week

On Monday 17th January, we are joining in with Portsmouth City Council's 'Aspirations Week'. The children will meet several people from a variety of careers, via Zoom, and find out a bit more about further education and the types of careers that there are out there. On the Friday of that week, we are having a dress up day for children to 'come as their future self' – we are excited to see what they want to be when they're older!

New Menu

A reminder that we have a new menu for the Spring term, and this can be found on our website.

As always, if you need to speak to one of us, please speak to us on the gates, or phone the Office for an appointment.

From all of us here at Team Ayrton, we wish you a very relaxing Christmas break and a happy and healthy New Year. We will see you all for the start of the Spring term on Wednesday 5th January.

With best wishes,



Mrs S Bennett-Acres and Team Ayrton

Head of School

Dates for your Diary!

Tuesday 4th January – INSET Day

Wednesday 5th January – Ayrton reopens for children

Friday 11th February – INSET Day

Friday 21st January – 'Come as your future self' day

Thursday 17th – Friday 18th February – Year Four residential

Friday 18th February – Break up for half term