



# Ark Ayrton Primary Academy

**Newsletter**  
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Dear Parents and Carers

With just 4 weeks until the end of term, there is still a lot to achieve and a lot of exciting things going on for the children.

Obviously we are continuing to work within very strict rules and guidance and so many of our end of year arrangements have had to be adapted in light of this and we all thank you so much for your ongoing support and understanding.

### **Front Entrance**

Please, if you are dropping or collecting your child by car, make sure you are parking away from the main school entrance and entrance at the back of the school. Some parents are driving and parking too close to where others are leaving the site, sometimes up on the pavement and this is dangerous. You must not park directly outside the gates and entrances for everyone's safety. Thank you.

### **Face Coverings**

We still require all adults to wear face coverings at drop off and collection times on site in line with guidance. We have a number of parents who are asking staff to bring their children to the gates as they do not have a face covering. The staff's priority is to ensure child safety and to ensure the children are handed safely over to parents so they need to stay with their children. Please ensure you have a face covering so you can come onto site to collect your child. Thank you.

### **Sports Day**

Sadly we cannot hold a Sports Day as we normally would, however we are keen that the children have an opportunity to take part in something similar. Year groups will each hold a sports afternoon in school on different days with a variety of activities and games. Your child's teacher will let you know when this is so you know to send your child in their sports kit on this day as it may be different from their normal PE day. Unfortunately we cannot invite parents to these at this time.

### **RHSE Policy**

Our consultation period for our new and revised draft Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSE) policy has come to an end. Please contact the school if you wish to speak to anyone about it. The new policy and changes will come into effect in September.

### **Digital Strategy**

We would like to thank all those families who have had a school device for their safe return. We are in the process of giving out new devices to children in years 2-5 in preparation for September. This is a very exciting strategy and opportunity and one that will really enhance the children's learning at home during their time with us in KS2 (Y3-6). The issue of a device in KS2 is now part of our school and curriculum offer moving forward. There will be more information to come and throughout next year as we support the children to get the best out

of their devices for home learning. Please make sure you have read the Home School Agreement and if you have any questions please contact the school and we will be happy to help.

### **Mrs Garside**

As you will remember, Mrs Garside, our longest serving member of staff, sadly passed away in April. We would like to raise money in her memory to provide a bench in the playground for the children and to make a donation to a charity of her family's choice in her memory. We are inviting the children to wear their own clothes on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July for a minimum donation of £1.

We will be holding an outdoor memorial assembly for Mrs Garside with the older children before the end of term and we will let you know how much money we raised.

### **Pupil Oscars**

You will have received a letter this week regarding our end of year celebration for all the children on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July to recognise all they have achieved and coped with over the last 18 months. There is a special 3 course lunch for them and Hollywood themed activities and fun throughout the day – we are going to treat them like the stars that they are for how brightly they have shone! Please make sure you send back the slip.

### **INSET Days**

A reminder – the following days are INSET days this half term:

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

The last day of the Summer term for children will be Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Have a great weekend!

With best wishes

Mrs A H-Chapman and Team Ayrton







