



Ark Ayrton Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have come to the end of the Spring Term – it was lovely to celebrate this with so many of you attending our end of term Showcase yesterday. The children and staff are always so proud to show the learning and the progress the children are making. The books, behaviour, attitudes and recent assessment outcomes of the children, show just how well they are progressing. There is still much to achieve and build on but it is always great to see so many happy and smiling parents/carers and hear your positive feedback.

As well as all the learning taking place in school, we continue to be committed to providing as many first hand experiences and opportunities for the children.

This last half term alone, Nursery have visited Staunton Farm, Reception had a great day at Marwell Zoo, Year 1 and 2 took part in the Infant Voices festival with other local schools, Years 3 and 4 have enjoyed an historical visit to Uppark House to see the Victorian rooms and servants quarters and Year 5 and 6 visited the dockyard to view The Mary Rose as part of their learning about the Tudors. In every single case, members of the public, staff at the venues or staff and parent helpers accompanying our children ALL say how polite, well-mannered and well behaved our children always are and how impressed they are with the interest, curiosity, questions and engagement of the children.

We are so proud of the children and really appreciate your ongoing support – we know how much you and they value the opportunities we provide!

Attendance

97% The Spring Term has been disappointing with attendance compared to a great Autumn Term. We are currently at 96.1% which is below national and way below where we were at Christmas. Whilst we have continued to have a number of bugs and viruses, we will always request medical evidence when absences are continued or concerning. We have had a number of requests for term time holidays which are not authorised and can result in a fine. We have had some queries from parents about our policy. Please remember all our main policies such as Attendance, Safeguarding and Curriculum are available on our website or you can request copies from the office.

We will continue to reward and celebrate great and improved class attendance each week and will challenge when needed - we are reviewing our attendance data and meetings will be held with parents and carers early next term where attendance is causing us concern.

Uniform and Jewellery

We have a number of children not wearing the correct school shoes to school. School shoes should be flat, black and not trainers. We also have a number of children wearing larger earrings. Please be reminded that children may only wear small watches or small gold studs. Any child wearing other jewellery or other earrings will be asked to remove them, staff will hold them until the end of the day and return them to parents. This is for the safety of all children. Please ensure children are wearing the correct shoes for the summer term (not sandals or trainers) and that your child brings a PE kit to school each week for these lessons.

Healthy Eating

We recently held a very successful Science Week in school with a focus on healthy eating and the children making healthy snacks and foods. We are going to continue to build on this work in the Summer Term with a particular focus on packed lunches and the snacks provided for children at school. Please watch out for further information next term.



Please see some of the most important dates below for the Summer Term for your calendar and diaries.

Years 3, 2, 1, R and Nursery assembly dates will be sent out for Summer 2 later next half term and Y6 will hold their end of year production as their final assembly.

Further details of other school visits etc will follow from the relevant year groups..

Tuesday 23rd April – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY



Wednesday 24th April – School begins for children

Tuesday 30th April – Talent Tuesdays and Clubs begin this week

Thursday 9th May – Year 5 Assembly @ 3.15pm

W/B 13th May – Y6 SATS Week

W/B 20th May – Y2 SATS week

Thursday 23rd May – Year 4 Assembly @ 3.15pm

Friday 24th May – last day of half term

Monday 24th June – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY



Tuesday 25th June – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY



Wednesday 26th June – Sports Day

Monday 1st July – Y6 Transition Day @ Secondary School

Tuesday 2nd July – Y6 Transition Day @ Secondary School

Thursday 11th July – Y6 Production

Thursday 18th July – SUMMER SHOWCASE pm

Tuesday 23rd July – last day of Summer Term



Please do like, join and follow our Facebook Group as we try to keep you updated on there as much as possible.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. The school really is building on it's 'good' rating and we could not do that without you!

I wish you all a wonderful Easter break with your children – enjoy the time together!



Mrs A H-Chapman

Head Teacher