

Atwood Primary School Newsletter

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Thank you from Mrs Hill

Mrs Hill has asked me to include the following:

I thoroughly enjoyed my last week at Atwood and would like to thank everyone for making it such an enjoyable experience. I would like to thank parents and children for the individual presents and the beautiful collective presents I received from the staff and the parents. The necklace and bracelet from Aurum in South Croydon will always be treasured and every time I wear them will remind me of Atwood and the many good memories I have of people and events.

Thank you and best wishes for the future to the whole 'Atwood family'.

Welcome to Atwood

Welcome to all new parents, pupils and staff! I hope, by now, you have discovered our website (see below). You will find up to date information there. Please come and ask at the office or speak to me if you have any questions or suggestions. We try our best to keep all parents informed of everything that is going on, and we rely on class reps and

your children taking letters home to ensure that you get this information. If you have an email address, you may receive newsletters by email - just email the office (address below) with your request. We use ParentPay for almost everything where we have to ask for money, and we have a computer for your use in the main entrance if you need internet access for this purpose or for checking your email, etc. You might also like to register on the Atwood Blog - see the main page on our website for details. There's a page 'How to subscribe' on the right hand side once you've gone into the blog.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings are on 18th and 27th September (see the diary for applicable dates), and letters will go out about this shortly. We have tried to make it easier for parents with more than one child to attend multiple sessions (Y1 to Y3) where year group meetings are held. Reception and Y4-6 will have short individual consultations to 'meet the teacher', Y1 - 3 will have group meetings.

Work over the Summer

I am pleased with the changes that have been made in bringing Y3 downstairs. We are making changes to the cloakroom arrangements, but it is certainly helping to reduce congestion in the juniors.

Several other large jobs took place over the holiday, one major one being the installation of the blinds in the roof in the infant hall. This has been entirely funded by the Parents' Association. With the new carpets in the infants, there is now a new atmosphere, which we will all appreciate.

Thieves returned late last week and caused further damage to the infant roof. Again, this is being replaced with felt and any remaining lead replaced too to try to avoid another attempt.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Helen Reid resigned as a parent governor at the end of last term due to other commitments. A big 'thank you' to her for all the support for the school. We will therefore be looking for a new parent governor. More information shortly.

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If your child is absent, please call our freephone number to report the absence: 0800 072 6413

Telephone 020 8657 7374
Fax 020 8657 3785
www.atwood.eu
email: school@atwood.croydon.sch.uk

Emergency information line: 0870 141 7374
Use this number to check for school closures in the event of bad weather, or in an emergency. It is also used for giving details of term start dates and other important events.

Holidays

We want to ensure that as many events as possible are planned in advance for the whole academic year, and that you are able to put them in your diaries now. I have enclosed all the dates set so far for the year. This list is on the diary section on our website, and is updated regularly. Please make a note of the production dates for your child(ren), parents' evenings, sports afternoons, etc. It is a great shame when children are taken out of school for a holiday and miss being part of something they have been working on.

Parking

I've mentioned this before but, as we have new parents, will remind you again. We are fortunate to have an entrance to the school from Tandridge Gardens. This is only unlocked at the start and end of the school day for security. If you do use that entrance and drive to Tandridge Gardens, please respect the fact that the residents have driveways, and park sensibly. A number of complaints have been received and I promised to pass this on.

Mr Chase

Sadly, Mr Chase will be leaving us at the end of this week. He has decided to leave the school in order to look after his son. We will all miss his technical expertise and wish him all the best for the future, especially as he has further good news of another child expected early next year.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic have changed the format for their book club, and the leaflet is now the same for all children. This will be sent home on Friday. If you would like to place an order, please complete the order form on the back page, and send that to me. Please remember to put your child's name and class on the form. Do not send any money - log on to ParentPay and in the 'Scholastic Book Club' box, enter the total, and pay using that method. If you need assistance with your login details, please see Mrs Sachs in the office. The deadline for orders is Friday 28th September.

Taking Holidays

Please try to avoid taking your child out of school for any reason except illness or religious reasons. If your employment means that you have to take a holiday during term time, then a holiday form is available from the office or on the forms section on our website. This form should only be used for that purpose. Other requests for absence should be in writing to me.

Shoe Boxes

If you have a shoebox, you might like to put it to one side in preparation for our harvest in October. This year we will be asking children to bring to school a decorated shoebox with non-perishable items.

Forthcoming Events

10-Sep-07 Parents' Association meeting 8pm
11-Sep-07 Reception children begin part-time
12-Sep-07 Some pupils to David Beckham Academy Gujarati Club begins
14-Sep-07 Class Reps meeting 8.50am
Karate Club begins
17-Sep-07 Nursery sessions am/pm
18-Sep-07 Parents' Evening for juniors - 3.30 and 6.30 for Y3, appointments for Y4,5,6 (see letter)
20-Sep-07 Curriculum Committee 7.30pm
22-Sep-07 Car Boot Sale 9am - 11am
24-Sep-07 Reception children begin full time
Premises Committee 8pm
27-Sep-07 Parents' Evening Reception appointments, Y1 3.30 and 6.30, Y2 3.45 and 6.45 (see letter)
01-Oct-07 Life Education Caravan all week (all classes)
02-Oct-07 Parents' Association meeting 8pm
09-Oct-07 ADISA - poetry
10-Oct-07 Y3 CSMA Concert 10.45am Fairfield Halls
11-Oct-07 Personnel Committee 8pm
16-Oct-07 Reading meeting for Reception Parents 7.30pm
18-Oct-07 Finance Committee 8pm
19-Oct-07 Harvest assembly Reception to Y2 1.30pm, Juniors 2.30pm (parents welcome)
22-Oct-07 Half Term Week