

# Atwood Primary School Newsletter

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## Staying Safe

I would like to remind everyone about safety outside school and just to be aware of staying safe and 'stranger danger'. A growing number of our children seem to be walking on their own to and from school, and these children in particular can be vulnerable. If your child is allowed to be on their own, it might be worth making an arrangement where they are with at least one other person. Please reinforce the message about staying safe with your child, even if you are always with them, and we will do the same in school.

## Tyre Play Area

If you've had a chance to look at our new tyre-play area, I'm sure you will be suitably impressed. Well done to all the children in raising the money to support it. Some new sheds will shortly replace the broken playground games stores, paid for from the remaining money raised.

The new tyres should be enjoyed by as many children as possible. Once the initial 'novelty' period is over, I am sure, like the trim trail, it will be quite manageable. I am happy for children to use it at the beginning or end of school for a few minutes. Like other areas of the school, the children are under your direct supervision after school, unless they are part of a club, etc. Children should leave the premises promptly at the end of the day if they are not waiting for someone else. The tyres are not to be used when they are wet or icy.

## Croydon Athletics

Mrs Dowey and Mrs Clarkson write...

Last week we took nearly 30 children from Years 3 to 6 to represent Atwood at Croydon Athletics. The children competed in a variety of competitions both on track and field. The children excelled themselves and we had 6 children in the final! Bethany is now the 4th fastest girl in Croydon, Francesca sprung into action jumping a whopping 267cm, coming 5th in the whole of Croydon. Joshua leapt over the high jump, jumping over 125cm, coming 4th in the whole of Croydon.

Charlie, George and Tom (despite having a broken arm!) also qualified for the finals. We were proud to be wearing an Atwood badge as all the children showed great sportsmanship, determination and were extremely well mannered.

(NB Surnames removed on web version)

## After-school Provision

The deadline for the after-school provision questionnaire has now passed. It looks like around 42 children will be using our after-school provision at some stage, with about 20 regularly. I will now begin arranging staff and resources, and will give further information to those parents who responded before the end of term.

## Tent Request

Y4 will be camping outside on Friday night. If you have a tent that you could lend us, we'd be most grateful. Please see Mrs Dowey.

## Job Vacancy

### Assistant Caretaker

Atwood Primary School is looking to appoint an Assistant Caretaker.

22½ hours per week (all year), plus holiday entitlement. This is a new post.

Salary: Grade 4 – Scp 19 – 21  
£18,849 - £20,118 pro rata  
(£11,780 - £12,573) pay award pending

Hours: 2.00pm – 6.30pm during term time, negotiable during school holiday periods.

Please see our website  
[www.atwood.eu/job](http://www.atwood.eu/job)

## Other bits...

Our junior sports afternoon was rained off. We will attempt to complete the races during school time and let you know the results at the end of term.

Please check our website for dates and times of productions and open evening, etc. We are sending letters out about the events, but nearer the time.

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

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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.