

Atwood Primary School Newsletter

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Parent Governor Vacancy

In the last newsletter (03/10) we advertised a parent governor vacancy. There was little response. Just prior to the closing date, Malcolm Baker (another parent governor) resigned from the governing body, creating a second vacancy.

The election for new parent governors is therefore running again for the two posts, and I already have three interested parents.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor but unsure of what it entails, please speak to one of our current parent governors, or to me. Some further information about being a governor is available on Croydon's own governor website by going to www.atwood.eu/governor or the national governor support site at www.governornet.co.uk

When you are ready to apply, you will need to complete a form* and provide a short statement that will be used and shared with parents. Hand the form* to the office by Friday 12th March.

* A form is available to download from the 'newsletters' section on our website or our office can provide you with a copy. However, even more easily, you may complete the form on-line at www.atwood.eu/governorelection which also has general information about being a governor.

Methodist Church

All parents who read these newsletters will be aware of the on-going issues we have had with just a few inconsiderate parents when it comes to using the Methodist Church car park. The Church Council has now taken the decision to remove the facility for Atwood parents to park in their car park, with effect from Monday 1st March. The full notice about the decision is on our website. Anyone parking in the church car park from next week will be parking on private property and the church will have the power to take action.

Children's Centre Update

The first meeting of the Advisory Group for Sanderstead Children's Centre took place this week. An open meeting for anyone in the community (residents, parents, local churches, child-minders, etc.) has been arranged for Monday 22nd March from 1.45 - 3.15pm in our junior hall. This will be an opportunity to hear about the Centre, and to have your say about the range of services that this community needs at the Centre.

A planning application to replace our temporary classroom with a permanent classroom (for Y6 in September in the first instance) has already been submitted to Croydon Council. Two further applications will appear soon - one for a playhouse for Reception (kindly provided by the PA) and another to re-develop our Reception classrooms, enabling the current Nursery building to become the Children's Centre.

Other News

A complete new set of dining tables was bought for us by our caterers this week after several maintenance issues with the old ones. These table seating units are certainly more comfortable than the old ones!

Many of you will have seen our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) doing gate checks recently and noting down children who are late. Children in Y1 - Y6 should be entering the school building at 8.40am and be in their classrooms ready to learn by 8.45am. Registers are taken at 8.45am and children are marked 'late' if they are not there at that point. Reception children go in at 8.45am and self-register, and morning Nursery at 8.50am.

If your child is going to be late or absent, please remember to phone our absence line (as above).

Stepping Stones Pre School have an Open Morning at St. Edmunds Church Hall, Mitchley Avenue on Tuesday 9th March from 9.15 am - 12.15.