

Atwood Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome to new pupils

By the end of this week, all of our new Nursery and Reception pupils will have joined the school, and we welcome them. If any new parents have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Keep an eye out for a letter regarding class reps, as we have our next meeting on 3 November.

You should also note that newsletters and other important information may be found on our website.

Charities

Thank you for supporting our charity this term, which is NSPCC. The children will be doing the sponsored spell on Friday 29 September, to give time to collect in the money, which should be returned to school by **Thursday 5 October**.

We will again be supporting Croydon NightWatch when we have our harvest on 20 October.

Governor Vacancy

Chris Hanson's term of office has now expired as a parent governor, and his contribution has been welcomed by all. Thank you Chris! Therefore a vacancy exists and you will receive a letter shortly asking for nominations.

Scholastic Book Fair next week after school in the Infant Hall

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Park Hill Fireworks

Some of our families support the spectacular Park Hill Schools' firework display which, this year, is on Friday 3 November. Gates open at 6.30pm and the display begins at 7.30pm. Tickets are £3.50 each (free to under 4s) or 4 tickets for £12. We have tickets available in our office.

Healthy Schools

This term we will be focusing on accreditation for the Healthy Schools Standard. This is a wide ranging initiative which includes the environment, food in school, sport, etc. You will have noticed developments around the school and there's more to come! We will be working with a group of parents to develop our 'food policy' shortly.

Trips List

You should, by now, have received a summary of the general areas for learning for this term in your child's class. I will be sending home a summary of organised trips and workshops shortly for the whole school. This will give you an indication of what's coming and, if there is any charge associated with it, allow you to plan for this.

Cashless School

Probably around April, we hope to become a 'cashless school'. This means that we will have no cash or cheques on the premises and parents/carers will be able

to pay for dinner money, trips, etc. using credit/debit cards on a very secure website or, for families without bank accounts, using the PayPoint system. This will be implemented gradually, and I will be giving more details shortly and asking for some information to help us plan. I will be asking for information about internet access and people's preferences in order to have a system that works for our school and our families.

Football

There have been some changes to the football sessions taking place at Atwood. I am in the process of arranging the organisation for the Y6 Team. Any other children that wish to be involved are welcome to join the Friday football club.

Forthcoming Dates

- 09-Oct-06** Poetry in Motion workshops for pupils
Parents' Association Meeting 8pm
- 13-Oct-06** NSPCC follow up assemblies for children
- 16-Oct-06** Finance Committee
- 17-Oct-06** Brian Moses in school
- 18-Oct-06** Y6 Croydon Young Citizens am
Nursery 'Toddle Waddle' (Meningitis Trust)
- 19-Oct-06** Individual / family photographs
- 20-Oct-06** Reception & KS1 Harvest 1.30pm
Junior Harvest 2.30pm
- 23-Oct-06** Half Term Week

Head Teacher: Mr A Clark

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

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.