



SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM'S WELCOME

Isn't it funny how a 'short week' often seems longer? Perhaps it's having to fit in 5 days' work into 4 days... It's been another busy week for us at Atwood. Year 6 are preparing for next week's SATs tests. As ever, my advice is, try your hardest and do your best - try to relax and you will all be wonderful.

As Headteacher, I'm glad that issues relating to mental health are becoming more prevalent and that the perceptions around mental health are changing for the better. Next week sees Mental Health Awareness Week <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week> and this year the focus is all around body image and its importance to a person's mental health and well-being. After all, we all live in our own bodies, don't we? Yet for many of us, the shape, size, look and feel of our bodies have a hugely negative impact on our lives, including children. Children are bombarded with 'perfect' images of others, never fail to compare their own body with those of others, and often worry about their body shape totally unnecessarily. This is especially relevant for girls. Perhaps take time to talk in a positive way about body image at home - I know that we will be talking about body image and its link to mental health next week as part of our PHSE lessons. As I say to my own children, it's what's inside that counts - being kind, caring and thoughtful will always win the day.

Rob Veale, Kate Standing, Nina Gambier,
Hannah Townsend & Michaela Groves
Senior Leadership Team

TEAM POINTS

Water	91
Fire	86
Earth	82
Air	62



WAKEHURST PLACE

Year 3 children had a wonderful visit to Wakehurst Place on Tuesday. Wakehurst is a botanical garden with the world's largest seed conservation facility, and the children were there to learn all about plants; what they need in order to grow, why they have leaves and all about their life cycle. This was to reinforce their National Curriculum science topic of 'plants'. As you can see from the pictures, the children had a great time, taking part in activities such as measuring sunflowers. Thank you to all of the staff who organised the visit, and to the parents/grandparents who went along to accompany the children.



SPELLING PROJECT

Several staff from across the school have volunteered to come together and embark on a 5 week project to develop the teaching of spellings. The aim of the project is to help our children to get even better with their spellings and feel confident in applying them in written work. We look forward to letting you know the outcomes! All of our trials are based on current research and we would like to see how it could apply at Atwood. In the meantime, you may notice that your child may come home with different homework, and it could be different from another class in the same year group. Please feel free to let us know how your child finds these tasks and your opinions!

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF ATWOOD

Table Top Sale (Sunday 19th May) 12-2pm

There's only one week to go until FOAP's first Table Top Sale! Sell any baby and children's items you no longer need. All items big or small can be sold.

Tables: **£15** (£10 to Atwood parents plus **50p** booking fee)

One/Two large items (eg – buggy/cot) **£5**

Clothing Rail: **£3**

SPECIAL OFFER – Book a table and bring a clothes rail for FREE!

Book your space now before it sells out! www.pta-events.co.uk/foap



LOTTERY TECH GIVEAWAY!

As if the chance of winning £25,000 wasn't enough, anyone entering the school lottery this term will also be entered into a prize draw to win a fantastic tech bundle! The next draw takes place tomorrow, **Saturday 11th May**, so don't miss out – buy your £1 tickets by visiting:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/atwood-primary-academy>



**STEP INTO
SUMMER
WITH OUR
TECH BUNDLE
GIVEAWAY!**



All your supporters this term will be entered into a draw to WIN an Amazon Echo, Fire TV stick, Echo Dot and Fire HD 8!

IDENTIFYING RELIABLE WEBSITES

Does your child know how to swim? Are they in the process of learning? I think we can all agree that learning to swim is an essential life skill, something our wellbeing depends on. What if I told you that learning to identify good and valuable online resources is also a crucial life skill, just like learning to swim, that our wellbeing depends on. While it may not be a life or death situation, the ability to identify reliable websites and sources is a key life skill in our ever more online world. The process of learning to identify reliable sources is a great way for you and your child to spend time together online. Just like swimming, it takes practice, it is a learned skill and it takes time to train your mind to process the indicators. A great article giving advice on this topic is below.

<https://www.fosi.org/good-digital-parenting/teach-your-child-identify-reliable-websites/>

Mrs Docherty, ICT Co-ordinator

HALF TERM CYCLE COURSES

Croydon council are running FREE cycle training sessions for children of all abilities during the upcoming May half term. The sessions are run by Cycling Instructor, the company that provide our school bikeability training. For more information and to book a place, please visit:

<http://www.cyclinginstructor.com/Croydon>

GREEN TEAM NEWS

Recycling collections continued this week, with members of the Green Team outside the library taking in crisp packets, writing implements and toner cartridges. Staff are busy nominating two Eco Champions for each class, and these children will start by decorating each class's writing implements recycling box. They will be responsible for bringing the writing implements to a central collection point, representing their class's green ideas at meetings with school staff and the Green Team, and reporting back on new initiatives. One of their first jobs will be to help the Green Team design a logo.

If you would like to get involved with the work of the Green Team, or have any suggestions, please contact them on atwoodgreenteam@gmail.com

BABY MASSAGE

Woodlands Children's Centre are running another series of baby massage sessions at Atwood's Children's Centre, starting in June. Please see the poster for dates and information on how to book.



Baby massage provides a wonderful, nurturing experience for both you and your baby whilst offering a unique way for you to communicate with your little one through touch and eye contact.

The baby massage benefits for both baby and parents are numerous with bonding, communication, health and getting a good night's sleep all cited as positive outcomes of baby massage.

Bonding is a unique relationship between two people

For booking enquires please call Woodlands Children's Centre
0208 916 0543

Baby Massage



Sanderstead Children's Centre

5 Week Course Starts 11th June – 9th July @ 10-11am Cost £10 per course



HALF TERM AND SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS AT ATWOOD

T-10 is a school sports and clubs provider that will be working with Atwood from the summer term onwards to provide a range of before and after school sports clubs alongside our own. Your child will have come home with a flyer this week detailing all the clubs on offer. Details of how to book are below. Half term and summer holiday camps are also available – please see www.t10.co.uk for details and booking information.

SEN NEWS

London Zoo are holding a ‘Special Children's Day’ - a unique annual event welcoming children with special needs and their families and friends. With increased specialist facilities and staff presence, as well as interactive events and discounted entry, Special Children's Day is an exciting and exceptional event not to be missed.

This year's Special Children's Day will take place on **Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May 2019**. For more information, visit: <https://www.zsl.org/zsl-london-zoo/whats-on/special-childrens-day>

ATTENDANCE

	Week ending 3rd May	Week ending 10th May
Infants (highest)	Yellow & Blue 99.3%	Green 100%
Juniors (highest)	5I 99.4%	Jade & 6HB 99.2%
Whole School (weekly)	97.2%	97.2%
Whole School (year to date)	96.5%	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are some useful dates for your diary for the Summer Term. Some of these dates are provisional: we aim to keep the dates as they are; however, there might be reasons why we need to amend dates. If this is the case, we will let you know as soon as possible. **Newly added items are in red.**

Mon 13th May – Thurs 16th May – Year 6 SATS Week

Fri 17th May - Ruby Class Assembly – 10:10am

Sun 19th May – FOAP Table Top Sale – 12:00pm

Mon 20th May – Fri 24th May – Year 6 to Stubbers

Tues 21st May – Reception Vision Screening

Wed 22nd May – Reception Vision Screening

Fri 24th May – Mufti Day - £2 donation in aid of Water Aid

Mon 27th May – HALF TERM

Mon 3rd Jun – Children return to school

Tues 4th Jun – Year 2 Wild Science Workshop

Wed 12th Jun – Reception to Bore Place

Wed 12th Jun – Year 6 to Chessington

Mon 17th Jun – 4D Class Assembly

Tues 18th Jun – New EYFS Parents' Meeting

Thurs 27th Jun – Sports Day

Sat 29th Jun – Summer Fair

Mon 1st Jul – 4P Class Assembly

Mon 1st Jul – Year 1 to the British Wildlife Centre

Tues 2nd Jul – Reception Induction Day

Tues 2nd Jul – Warlingham Induction Day

Wed 3rd Jul – Early Years Fun Day

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Thurs 4th Jul – Reception Induction Day

Thurs 4th Jul – Riddlesdown Induction Evening – 7:00pm

Fri 5th Jul – Camp Atwood

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Tues 9th Jul – EYFS Summer Production – 9:30am and 2:00pm

Wed 10th Jul – Sports Day Backup Date (please note change of date from 8th July)

Fri 19th Jul – Year 6 Leavers’ Party

Tues 23rd Jul – Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly – 9:30am

Tues 23rd Jul – LAST DAY OF TERM. School closes at 1:30pm. No After School Care.