



ATWOOD
PRIMARY ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

6 SEPTEMBER 2019

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM'S WELCOME

Welcome back to a brand new academic year at Atwood! Welcome to all of our new children and parents and I hope that you enjoy reading our weekly newsletter. I hope that you really enjoyed the summer holidays with your families and that you are enjoying getting back into the swing of the 'school run'.

Your children will be used to our Magnificent 7 Code of Conduct. For this year and beyond, now that the Magnificent 7 have embedded across the school, I want to make the concept more 'child friendly' and easy for you to use when talking to the children, and so I have introduced the Terrific Trio - *Kind Thoughts, Kind Words, Kind Actions*. My feeling, as head teacher, is that if we all remember this simple mantra, then positive and caring relationships will always follow.

Have a lovely weekend and hopefully see you tomorrow at the Postal ground for the Dads' Football Competition and BBQ.

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

TEAM POINTS

The Team Points competition will start again next week – watch this space for updates!



PARENT GYM

We know from talking with parents that many of you wonder what you can do to give your children the best start in life (and make your life as a parent a bit easier too). This is why we're delighted to offer Parent Gym, a well-established, six-week programme that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive.

Each weekly session lasts two hours, and will take place in the Children's Centre on:

Wednesday, from 9 – 11 a.m.

Wednesday 2nd October: Taster (45 mins) – shorter session for you to meet the coach and find out more about the sessions.

Wednesday 9th October: Chat (2 hours) – Help your family talk and listen to each other

Wednesday 16th October: Love (2 hours) – Build self-esteem and independence through secure attachments

Wednesday 6th November: Behave (2 hours) – Bring calm and order to your home

Wednesday 13th November: Care (2 hours) – Looking after ourselves and our families

Wednesday 20th November: Discover (2 hours) – Support your children to learn and explore

Wednesday 27th November: Together (2 hours) – Look to the future and recapping key techniques

To find out more and **confirm** your place, please click on this link <https://bit.ly/2TO1WNJ>.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Standing kstanding.306@lgflmail.org

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a team of volunteers to help in the school library, ideally for a minimum of 2 hours per week. Duties would include shelving, tidying, covering and labelling new books etc. If you think you might be interested, please email the school at school@atwood.croydon.sch.uk

A huge thank you to Sarah Middlemiss, one of our long-term volunteers, who has now stepped down to concentrate on other priorities. We really appreciate all your hard work in making the library a fantastic space for the children to enjoy!

CLUBS

Some of the clubs letters are now on the website, along with the clubs timetable for this term. Select 'Parent Information' on the top tab and scroll down to 'Clubs'. You will find the following clubs letters so far:

Gymnastics

Mini Tennis

Netball

T-10 Clubs

Other clubs letters be sent out next week – if your child does not come home with a hard copy, you can view the letter on the clubs page of the website.

SHOES AND SUITCASES!

As you may know, we often collect shoes for the African Village School, a charity based in Estwatini (did you know that is the new name for Swaziland?!). A local couple, friends of Mrs Hutchinson, started the charity after they were part of a Chanel 4 reality show over 15 years ago, seeing if they could survive in a rural African village without any mod cons! When they returned to England, they realised how lucky they were and have tried to provide food security and education for the village ever since. Read about how they have spent the funds raised...

<https://www.africanvillageschool.org.uk>

We are once again collecting items for the Village School. If you can donate any of the following, we would be very grateful:

- School Shoes (these should be in good condition and can be primary OR secondary school size. Pupils at the school can be up to the age of 22, so even adult shoes would be acceptable.
- Trainers - children and adults
- Football boots - children and adults
- New (or excellent condition) pants and knickers (children's only)
- New (or excellent condition) children's socks
- New toothbrushes and toothpaste (unopened) - preferably children's

- SUITCASES - these can be old, but preferably with wheels as they will be filled with the heavy shoes etc! Please note that these will not be returned.

Please bring any donations to the office.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF ATWOOD

The Friends of Atwood have another busy term coming up, with lots of great events for you to take part in. Take a look at the list below and get those diaries out!

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 7 th September	Dads' Football Tournament (including the Chelsea Football Prize Draw)
Sunday 29 th September	Dig for Atwood Day & Uniform Sale
Thursday 10 th October	Bingo & Bubbles Night
Sunday 3 rd November	Fireworks Spectacular
Saturday 23 rd November	Table Top Sale & Uniform Sale
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Fair & Mufti Day (bring a bottle)



To book tickets for the Dads' Football, Chelsea Football Prize Draw and Bingo & Bubbles, visit: www.tickettailor.com/events/foap

More details of other events will be released nearer the time. FOAP are always keen to hear from parents who can help with events. If you would like to get involved, please contact FOAP on contactatwoodpa@gmail.com

SEN NEWS

There are a number of workshops being run for local carers by www.carersinfo.co.uk which you may find of interest. Please see the flyers below for more information.

Carers Support Centre

Carers Information Service



Education, Health and Care Plan Drop-In Advice

Parent or carer of a child with special educational needs? Struggling with the EHCP process?

Pop in for 30 minutes of free, impartial information and advice on your child's EHCP from an advice worker.

No need to book.

First come, first served.

Fortnightly on a Wednesday, 10am-12noon on

11 and 25 September 2019

9 October 2019

13 and 27 November 2019

11 December 2019

Carers Support Centre,
24 George Street, Croydon
CR0 1PB

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Professionals giving you a headache?

Try our free Dealing with Professionals Workshop for Carers.

Monday 16 September, 10.30am-12.30pm

**Carers Support Centre, 24 George Street,
Croydon CR0 1PB**

Learn how to handle difficult conversations, be assertive, keep calm and find positive solutions.

**Booking required: Call 020 8663 5674 or
email enquiries@carersinfo.org.uk**

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How to apply for an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) Information Session

FREE for parents and carers in Croydon

Thursday 10 October, 10am-12noon

**Carers Support Centre, 24 George Street,
Croydon CR0 1PB**

Attend this session and you will learn:

- What SEN Support is.
- How to initiate the process.
- The different stages of the process.
- What an EHCP looks like.

**Booking is essential. To book, call 020 8649 6283 or
email astridmacabee@carersinfo.org.uk**

FOOTBALL TEAM TRIALS

Coach Stuart and Coach Elliott will be in school on Monday 9th September to conduct Football Team trials for both the boys' and girls' teams. Girls' trials will be during lunchtime on the field and boys' trials will be after school on the field.

Players will be chosen and parents contacted by Wednesday so that team training may commence the following week along with other clubs.



ATWOOD FOOTBALL TEAM TRIALS

ATWOOD YR 5 & 6 GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM TRIALS

WHERE: ATWOOD SCHOOL FIELD WHEN: LUNCHTIME

*PLEASE WEAR PE KIT & FOOTBALL BOOTS IF YOU HAVE THEM

ATWOOD YR 5 & 6 BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM TRIALS

WHERE: ATWOOD SCHOOL FIELD WHEN: 3:30 – 4:30PM

*PLEASE WEAR PE KIT & FOOTBALL BOOTS IF YOU HAVE THEM

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR A TRIAL?

SIMPLY EMAIL YOUR CHILDS FULL NAME AND YEAR GROUP
ALONG WITH YOUR CONTACT NUMBER TO HELLO@T10.CO.UK

T10 WILL SELECT TEAMS AND NOTIFY ALL BY THE 11.9.19
PLEASE NOTE TEAM TRAINING BEGINS WEEK COMMENCING
16TH OF SEPTEMBER 2019

FAMILY FUN DAY

Trinity Rugby Football Club are holding a Family Fun Day on Sunday 15th September and it would be lovely to see some Atwood families there. Entry is free so do consider going along to support them!



TRINITY RFC



BBQ

Bouncy Castle

FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER
12 - 5 PM

The Clubhouse, Lime Meadow Avenue
South Croydon CR2 9AS
trinityrfc.com | 07970 380 359

Free Entry!

ATTENDANCE

	Week ending 19 th Jul	Week ending 6 th Sept
Infants (highest)	Violet 98.3%	Blue 99.2%
Juniors (highest)	5R 99.4%	4M 99.6%
Whole School (weekly)	95.4%	96.9%
Whole School (year to date)	96.9%	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are some useful dates for your diary for the Autumn 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.**

Sat 7th Sept – Dads’ Football Tournament (registration opens at 9:45am)

Wed 11th Sept – Meet the Teacher (Years 2-6) 3:30pm & 4:00pm

Mon 23rd Sept – Sibling & Individual Photos

Tues 24th Sept – Sibling & Individual Photos

Thurs 26th Sept – Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop

Thurs 26th Sept – **Year 6 to Chartwell**

Thurs 26th Sept – Reception Reading & Writing Meeting – 7:00pm

Fri 27th Sept – Monthly Mufti Day - £2 donation

Sun 29th Sept – **Dig for Atwood Day & Uniform Sale**

Mon 30th Sept – **Year 5 Victorian Object Handling Workshop**

Wed 2nd Oct – Parent Gym Taster Session

Thurs 3rd Oct – Year 3 Egyptian Workshop

Thurs 3rd Oct – Year 4 to Butser Farm

Wed 9th Oct – Parent Gym Session 1

Wed 9th Oct – Wild Science Workshop
Green Class – 12:45 to 1:45pm
Orange Class – 1:45 to 2:45pm

Thurs 10th Oct – Bingo & Bubbles Night

Fri 11th Oct – Bring in Harvest Donations for Croydon Refugee Centre

Tues 15th Oct – Parents' Evening (Years 1-6)

Wed 16th Oct – Parents' Evening (Year 6 only)

Wed 16th Oct - Parent Gym Session 2

Thurs 17th Oct – Parents' Evening (Years 1-5)

Fri 18th Oct – Mufti Day in aid of Paint Purley Purple

Fri 18th Oct – HALF TERM

Sun 3rd Nov – FOAP Fireworks Spectacular

Mon 4th Nov – CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Wed 6th Nov - Parent Gym Session 3

Thurs 7th Nov – EYFS Maths Evening – 7:00pm

Wed 13th Nov - Parent Gym Session 4

Wed 20th Nov - Parent Gym Session 5

Sat 23rd Nov – Table Top Sale & Uniform Sale

Wed 27th Nov - Parent Gym Session 6

Fri 29th Nov – St Andrews' Day (Cubs/Brownies uniforms)

Fri 6th Dec – Year 3 to Natural History Museum

Fri 6th Dec – Christmas Fair & Mufti Day (bring a bottle)

Wed 11th Dec – EYFS Christmas Concert – 9:30am and 2:00pm

Tues 17th Dec – Year 1 Christmas Concert – 9:30am and 2:00pm

Thurs 19th Dec – School Discos

Fri 20th Dec – Christmas Jumper Mufti Day

Fri 20th Dec – LAST DAY OF TERM