What a busy week! We have been showing prospective parents around the school, and, as ever, the children at Atwood did their school proud by showcasing their excellent manners and their wonderful learning. On that note, Year 5 enjoyed learning about life in Victorian times, looking at a range of artefacts from Croydon Museum, Year 3 enjoyed hosting a special Egyptian visitor on Thursday, whilst our intrepid Year 4s travelled to Butser Farm to learn all about life in an Iron Age settlement.

Our Sea of Plastic displays are up and thought-provoking and our eradication of milk in cartons in favour of milk bottles is already having an impact; we are making headway in making those little changes at school that will have a big impact on the environment.

Rob Veale, Kate Standing, Nina Gambier,
Matt Dench, Hannah Townsend & Michaela Groves
Senior Leadership Team
This year for Harvest we will be supporting two local charities, Purley Food Hub and the Croydon Refugee Day Centre.

On Friday 11th October, we are inviting children to bring in donations of non-perishable food and toiletries:

- Early Years and KS1 children will donate their items to Purley Food Hub.
- KS2 children will donate their items to Croydon Refugee Day Centre.

For a list of items most urgently required, please visit:


**Croydon Refugee Centre:** [https://croydonrefugeedaycentre.co.uk/2019/06/26/current-needs/](https://croydonrefugeedaycentre.co.uk/2019/06/26/current-needs/)

Please send in your donations with your child to their class.

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**Uniform/Club/Christmas Top Donations**

At present the FOAP will only be taking donations of the following items:

School branded polo shirts
School branded EYFS sweatshirts
School branded jumpers/cardigans
Ties
PE kit
Atwood Book bags
Atwood PE bags
Beavers/Cubs/Rainbows/Brownies etc uniforms
Christmas T-shirts
Christmas Jumpers

If you have other items these can be bagged and placed in the clothing bin which will also raise funds for the FOAP.
Bingo and Bubbles Night – 10th October

Eyes down for another exciting evening of bingo, prosecco and laughter!

Tickets can be bought via the following link: [https://www.tickettailor.com/events/foap/274687](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/foap/274687)

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Christmas Cards

Children will be designing cards in school (if you have received a blank order form you can return it to school to be completed in class or the design can be done at home). All order forms need to be returned by 11th October so we can guarantee delivery in early December.

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Dig for Atwood Day - Sunday 13th October

Dig for Atwood Day has now been rescheduled – fingers crossed for dry weather! Join us if you can from 10:00am – 2:00pm to help get the garden areas ready for winter and be rewarded with a BBQ courtesy of FOAP!
Sanderstead Fireworks Display is back!

Sunday 3rd November - gates open 5pm, Display at 6.30pm

The deadline for early bird tickets is Friday 4th October at 11:55pm.

Buy your tickets HERE:
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/foap/300685#

Tabletop Sale and Nearly New Uniform Sale - Saturday 23rd November

BABY & CHILD PRE-LOVED TABLE TOP SALE

Children’s Clothes
Buggies & Cots
Toys, Puzzles & Games
Books
Baby Items

SATURDAY 23RD NOV 2019

2pm – 4pm

Admission £1 – Under 12s go free

Interested in selling?
Tables cost £15 (£10 for Atwood Parents)
Plus 30% commission for you
You keep 100% of sales.
Doors open at 1pm for set up.
To book a table
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/foap

Atwood Primary Academy, Limpsfield Road Sanderstead CR2 9EE
**Christmas T-shirt/Jumper and Uniform Sale**

A uniform/Christmas jumper sale will be taking place on **Wednesday 27th November** in the library, both before and after school.

**Aldi Stickers**

We are collecting sports stickers from Aldi. One sticker is given for every £30 you spend in store. Please drop your stickers to the school office.

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

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**AMAZON SMILE**

The Friends of Atwood are pleased to tell you that they are now registered on Amazon Smile. If you select them as your charity, they will get a donation every time you shop, which could result in real benefit to the school in the run-up to Christmas!

Here’s how it works:

Step 1: Select ‘Your Amazon Smile’ from the menu at the top left of your account.
Step 2: Click on ‘Change Your Charity’

Step 3: Scroll to the search bar and type ‘Friends of Atwood’.
Step 4: Click ‘select’ next to ‘Friends of Atwood Primary’.

Step 5: You will receive a confirmation email to say that you are now supporting the Friends of Atwood Primary.

Thank you for your support – it really does make all the difference!
Programming is a skill many children enjoy learning and is becoming an increasingly bigger aspect of the modern working world. Sometimes it can be hard to help support our children when they first express interest in developing this skill. BusyThings has an excellent series of tutorials to teach children the basics in coding, which links to the popular Scratch app codes. Below is the link to the BusyThings website where you can access this resource, amongst many others, using your child’s LGfL login details (these were sent home before the summer, and will shortly be sent home again in your child’s homework books).

https://www.busythings.co.uk

When you first go onto the site you need to click on the pink Log In button.

LOG IN

You then click on the red LGfL button.

LGfL

You then click on Normal USO Login

Please enter your USO username and password, then click the Login button.
You will then be taken to a page to enter your child's LGfl username and password.

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You can then click on your child's key stage (early years, KS1 or KS2), their year group and then you can select the computing folder. Within the computing folder there is another folder entitled 'coding' - the tutorials, activities and projects are within there. The activities have videos and clear written instructions to follow to help you know what to do.

We hope you all fun have taking the first step in learning to code!

SEN NEWS
Restart a Heart Day is taking place on Wednesday 16 October 2019. It is an annual event to teach as many people as possible the lifesaving skill of CPR.

During October, volunteers from St John Ambulance will be running free demonstration sessions for the public across the country. Attendees can learn how to perform CPR and how to use a defibrillator. All St John Ambulance volunteers regularly practice CPR as part of the charity’s intensive first aid training and many have used their skills to save a life.

Restart a Heart is organised in partnership by the Resuscitation Council (UK), St John Ambulance, The British Heart Foundation, British Red Cross, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, and Yorkshire Ambulance Service. Every UK Ambulance service will take part in the event, along with private training providers.

For more details of local demonstrations, visit:

https://www.sja.org.uk/sja/support-us/our-campaigns/restart-a-heart-day---first-ai.aspx

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Tag Rugby

On Friday 27th November a group of Atwood children took part in a fun Tag Rugby festival at Whitgift Sports Club. They undertook an hour of training and then participated in a series of matches against children from other local schools. Given that the children had not played rugby before, they did very well, losing only one game, drawing two and winning four, which was amazing. Coach Stuart reported that good behaviour and team spirit was very much in evidence from the Atwood pupils throughout the festival – well done to all the children who took part!
**SHOES FOR AFRICA**

Thank you very much to those of you who have kindly donated shoes and suitcases for the African Village School charity. We now have enough suitcases and do not need any more. However, we would still be very grateful for further donations of good quality school shoes, trainers or football boots in both child and adult sizes. Please bring any donations to the school office.

**ATTENDANCE**

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**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.

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 Purley Food Hub (EYFS & KS1) and Croydon Refugee Day Centre (KS2)

Sun 13th Oct – Dig for Atwood Day

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