



ATWOOD
PRIMARY ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

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MR VEALE'S WEEKLY WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to parents and carers, old and new and of course, to our wonderful children here at Atwood.

Last week we heard the news of the passing of Her Majesty the Queen and as such decided to postpone our first newsletter of this academic year to this week.

It seems as if we have been back at Atwood for a whole term already but in reality, it is only for a fortnight. You will all know by now that we have changed back to being known as Atwood Primary School as all of the new signage attests. This is because we are now beginning the exciting journey of being part of a larger family of schools, the Pegasus Academy Trust. I know that Mr Roberts has written a piece for our newsletter in which he highlights some of the key 'summer works' that have taken place. Many of you have commented favourably on the new tarmac section and agree that it is a much safer entrance to Atwood, as the children and their families no longer need to pass through the car park.

Atwood being part of Pegasus is certainly not all about capital works projects, although this is an important part of being part of a larger organisation - the ability to group funding, bid for funding from central government and tender for projects that provide better value for money. However, the most important aspect of school life is the quality of teaching, learning and assessment.

As such, Mr Simons as our English leader, is working alongside Ms Byrne from the Trust, to look at the strengths and areas for development with our Reading curriculum. I look forward to letting you know how we will be developing Reading across the school in due course.

New Start to the School Day

Many thanks for your feedback about the entrance to the school (as well as picking up at the end of the day). Many of you are now well into the swing of the morning routine and have noted that it is better to arrive towards 8.45am rather than automatically coming onto the grounds at 8.30am. This has certainly lessened the congestion.

To note, the Classroom doors will open at 8.45am. Those teachers who are upstairs or have to collect their classes will come out at 8.45am.

In terms of the Register, this will open at 8.45am as the children come into class. The Register will close at 8.55am sharp. The first formal lesson will commence at 9.00am.

Therefore, you should aim to have your child IN CLASS no later than 8.45am. Any children coming in after 8.55am at either the Tandridge Gate or the Main Gate will be deemed LATE and will need to sign in at the Office.

I am very pleased to note that the slightly later opening of the Classrooms at 8.45am has reduced even further the incidences of children being Late, but there are still some families that this sadly applies to. Please can I ask that you ensure that your child is in school by no later than 8.45am, please.

Class Reps and FOAP

On Thursday, I met with Helen Hammond, the Vice Chair of FOAP and also one of our Class Reps. Our conversation was far reaching and constructive. We shared information about the upcoming events that the FOAP have planned. We also spoke about how the FOAP could support Atwood with the ongoing Chromebook Project. The aim in the near future is to have enough Chromebook for each pupil in Year 1 to 6.

We also spoke about the future of the Trim Trail as an exciting improvement project. Watch this space.

The Class Reps for this year are:

Nursery		
Yellow	Sian Head	Sally Booth
Red	Carolyn Dumbarton	Jodie Daley
Violet	Nicole Inkpen-Harrison	Aasia Hassan
Blue	Martin King	Sandra Podd
Orange	Helen Hammond	Lisa-Marie Bevis
Green	Fiona Rhodes	Nicola Mearkle
3M	Lucy Selchouk	Katie Harris
3S	Sian Taylor	Kerry Luker
4MT	Nicole Inkpen-Harrison	
4T	Martin King	Sarah Honey
5G	Simon Bailey (Lead Class Rep)	Mags Polyviou
5D	Louise Kewell	Fiona Rhodes
6S	Jacqueline Hand	Kay Hanniford
6SB	Sarah Honey	

Rob

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PEGASUS ACADEMY TRUST

Dear Atwood Parents and Carers,

Mr. Veale has kindly allowed us a space in the Atwood newsletter to bring you up to date with news from the Trust. Firstly, welcome to the Trust. I was able to join Rob and Atwood SLT on the gates on Monday 5th September for the first day of Atwood as a member school in the Trust and said hello to a few of you. My colleague Lynne Sampson may have had the chance to talk to some of you later the same day?

We had a busy summer with building projects that have been requested by members of the Atwood governing body on a 'wish list' and we are pleased to be able to bring a few of these to fruition after many years of waiting. The top priority was to ensure that a longstanding safeguarding concern was addressed - caused by the pedestrian access through the staff car park for parents and carers at drop off and collection time. Cars and pedestrians should always be separate, especially where young children are involved, and so we have introduced a new tarmacked pathway entering the school to the left as you enter the school. In addition, we have provided more staff car parking that means that staff no longer have to park on the quiet playground. Having spent some time in France this summer I have to say that the space where staff used to park in the quiet playground reminds me of the pétanque terrain that you see all over France so we will have to see what we can do there.



Green tarmac blends well with the field.



Secure and dry access



Pétanque?

There are a number of other works that took place that are less visible, but I will pick these up in newsletters to come but for now just let me thank you for the kind welcome we have received at Atwood.

Jolyon Roberts

Executive Principal

Pegasus Academy Trust

ATWOOD PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Mya - The Big Mile



On Sunday 4th September, Mya in year 6 ran the Big Mile as part of the Big Half Marathon in London.

The Big Mile is a free, family-friendly mass participation event that takes place on the same finishing stretch as The Big Half by the iconic Cutty Sark in Greenwich.

“Mya ran the Big Mile on Sunday as part of the Big Half Marathon in London and smashed her training time!! We are super proud!”

Ms Hand

Sadie – The Princess Trust



“Sadie-Louise after months of asking to cut her hair she finally got her way and she has asked if she can donate her hair to little girls that don’t have any. So we have decided to send it to the little princess trust and I couldn’t be prouder of her! She is the kindest most caring little girl I know and everyone who meets her would agree. Well done little lady!”

Mrs Boshier

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF ATWOOD

Welcome to another school year!

FOAP are back again for another year of fundraising, with exciting opportunities in the pipeline. I know we are pleased to be back into a routine!

About the FOAP

Previously FOAP have funded pledges made from parents, teachers and other committee members by completing the pledge form, https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdO-Nh-Zrc7EMOO_yM4z4zwPF2QDRu1MajUvVdlvYwQtDWh4g/viewform and submitting it to contactatwoodpta@gmail.com, where it is then put to vote to all the committee members. Anyone connected to the school can place a pledge. This pledge then gets put to the committee, who then vote on whether to support the pledge or not.

Below are examples of what FOAP have previously funded:

- Supporting the school purchasing Chromebooks
- Replaced the computers in the computer suite- £15k
 - Climbing frame for EYFS £8k
- Fund a professional theatre company to come and perform a Panto for the whole school
 - New musical instruments £2,700
- Sensory garden £10,000 and contributions to the sensory room
 - Skipping workshops for KS2 and new equipment
- Dance workshops for the whole school for the Jubilee celebrations
 - Inflatables for the last week of term

Recruiting for FOAP committee members

WE HAVE SOME
BIG SHOES TO FILL!



Friends of Atwood Primary (FOAP) are looking for
new volunteers...

We are looking for volunteers who can offer the following:



These are great opportunities to give something back to the school community, whilst having fun and making great friendships!
This would benefit a non-working parent to help fill CV gaps too!

Should you be interested, please email
ContactAtwoodPA@gmail.com

Should you wish to join the FOAP committee or attend some events to see for yourself, please email contactatwoodpa@gmail.com.

Please note: To become a FOAP Committee member, you will need to be voted in during the next AGM which will be in February 2023 but after that, you will then have voting rights for pledges. If you are interested in attending events now it will help to see what you would be getting involved in!

Year-round Donations

The FOAP always welcome donations (can be dropped to the collection box outside the school office) of the following:

- Pre-loved uniform, club clothing, fancy dress for school themed activities eg Egyptians, Romans, Victorian..., Christmas jumpers/t-shirts (child & adult size), plain t-shirts in house colours- red, green, blue & yellow.
 - Party bag type items
 - Good condition Children's books
- Unwanted/unused gifts- eg toiletries, tea/coffee, condiments, perfume, novelty... to be used as prizes or for hampers
 - New toys/puzzles etc to be used as prizes/for hampers
 - Vouchers- hair, beauty, meals, events etc

Forthcoming events

You can find any forthcoming ticketed events on our Ticket Tailor page: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/foap/>, however please see the current event's posters below:

Nearly New Uniform
Friday 21st Oct



Coats
PE kit
Summer Dresses
Jumpers & Sweatshirts
Cardigans
Book Bags
Polo Shirts
Shorts
Ties

Drop off & pick up in the library
Card and cash payments accepted

Friday 21st October
7.30pm



Bingo & Bubbles
£8

Tickets can be purchased using the link <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/foap/>

Ticket includes-
glass of Prosecco, dabber & a strip of 3 for the 1st game



- Cash prizes
- Bar
- Interval Raffle & game
- Bring your own snacks

Over 18's only!

Save the dates 2022/23 (may wish to be added to the date's you have at the bottom of the newsletter).

- Friday 21st October - Uniform Sale at drop off and pick up.
- Friday 21st October - Bingo & Bubbles 7:30pm
- Sunday 6th November - Sanderstead Fireworks
- Friday 9th December - Christmas Fair
- TBC - Mother's Day Afternoon Tea - may want to hide for now...
- Saturday 22nd April - Happy's Circus
- Saturday 24th June - Summer Fair

Other fundraising events for 2022/23 (may wish not to add at this stage).

- Children's personally designed Xmas cards
- Self-portrait T-towels
- Plus more ideas in the pipeline but yet to be confirmed...!

If you have any ideas for a fundraising event or any other ideas please contact the FOAP on contactatwoodpa@gmail.com

SINGING LESSONS

Jason Marrow - Vocal Coach

Dear parents / carers,

We are excited to announce that in September, Atwood Primary Academy will begin to offer singing lessons to those in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 with experienced vocal coach, Jason Marrow.

Lessons are invoiced for 10 lessons per term and the following lessons are offered:

Individual Tuition

- £152 per 10 lessons
- Individual 20 minute lesson
- £228 per 10 lessons
- Individual 30 minute lesson

Paired/Grouped Tuition

- £108 per 10 lessons
- 2 in 30 minutes, 15 minutes per pupil in other shared lessons
- £78 per 10 lessons
- 3 in 30 minutes, 10 minutes per pupil in other shared lessons

Financial support available for Pupil Premium students

For more information and to book a place before they run out, go to jasonmarrow-vocalcoach.co.uk or scan the QR code



SCAN ME TO BOOK YOUR
LESSONS TODAY

ATTENDANCE

	Week Ending 9 th September	Week Ending 16 th September
Infants (highest)	Blue 99.7%	Green 98%
Juniors (highest)	3M 98.3%	4T 99.6%
Whole School (weekly)	97.3%	96.9%
Whole School (year to date)	97.1%	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are some useful dates for your diary for this academic year. 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 19th Sept – Fri 23rd Sept – Year 6 Stubbers Residential

Wed 21st Sept – Year 4 Multiplication Meeting 4pm-5pm

Fri 30th Sept – Nursery and Reception Tapestry and Forest School Meeting 9.00am-10.00am & 2.15pm-3.15pm

Wed 12th Oct - Uniform Sale (drop off and pick up times)

Thurs 20th Oct – Individual & Sibling Photos

Fri 21st Oct – Individual & Sibling Photos Backup Day

Sun 6th Nov - Sanderstead Fireworks Display

Sat 22nd Apr – Happy's Circus

Sat 24th Jun – Summer Fair