



MR VEALE'S WEEKLY WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

We certainly have kept the children busy this month! I was delighted to take part in the Year 6 Stubbers Residential Trip on Monday and Tuesday. I was so impressed by the children's maturity, behaviour and attitude towards trying something new - they made the staff team and myself very proud indeed! My group enjoyed the Banana Boat rides and had so much fun.

Communications

I am committed to excellent communications with parents and carers. Often, when we survey parents and carers, communications come up as an issue.

I either hear that there is too much communication by letter, newsletter, text, or message - and if you have more than one child and they are in different schools, it sometimes feels that a Personal Assistant is required simply to keep up!

I also hear that there is not enough communication. I aim to be pragmatic with communication and I feel that we have struck the correct balance. Not only are we available on the school gate each morning, but we do have many streams of information and these include:

- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Information on our website
- ✓ Year group newsletters
- ✓ Texts and messages
- ✓ Diary dates

We do ask that parents take time to read such communications before contacting the school office.

The Atwood Website

Over the next few weeks and by the October Half Term, we will be saying goodbye to our current Atwood Primary Academy website and having our very own Atwood Primary School pages within the Pegasus Academy Trust's website.

The transition over to the Trust's website have been a huge job and Mr Roberts has been working behind the scenes to transfer all of the relevant information over, whilst taking the decision to reduce the amount of content, thus making it more accessible to parents and carers.

Please do head over to the Pegasus website: <https://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/> You will notice that Atwood is not represented as yet, but will be after the half term, if not before.

What I have been doing is adding more frequent news items which are able to be seen by clicking on the News tab. At the present time, these are more 'proof of concept' and will of course be developed over time.

Here is an example of one of our news posts:



Are you a professional or amateur photographer?

We are seeking either a professional or amateur photographer who would lend their services for free in return for publicity upon the Atwood section of the Pegasus website. We require approximately 10 high quality photographs that could be used as the background for the various web pages.

Atwood is also updating the School Prospectus and as such, we require a range of high quality images of the children at work and play within school and outdoors.

If you can help, please contact me via rveale@pegasusacademytrust.org so that we can talk through this project.

Rob

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Senior Leadership Team

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WHEN THEY BEGIN TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA

Young people are always looking for the latest app or site to go on, and if they come to you talking about social media there are lots of things to consider.

Here, we will help answer the big questions that parents and carers may have when their child asks about signing up for a new social media app, including:

When should I allow my child to join social media?

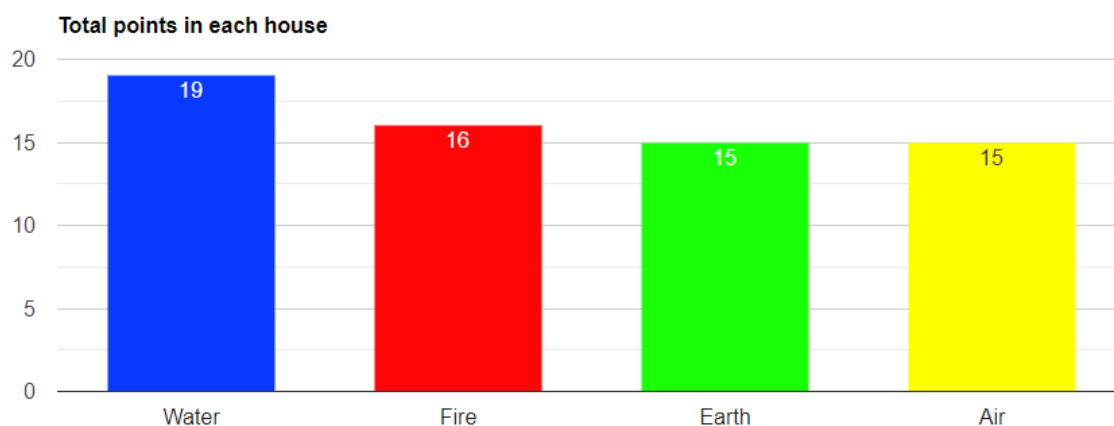
How do I choose the right social media for my child?

What parental controls should I enable?

[Find out more](#)

(The link is https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-getting-started-on-social-media/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Childnet%20Newsletter%20-%2015th%20September&utm_content=Childnet%20Newsletter%20-%2015th%20September+CID_a274cd6f49e529e768bfbf59cbf0cd23&utm_source=Campaign%20Monitor&utm_term=Find%20out%20more incase there are any problems...)

TEAM POINTS



NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF ATWOOD

Another week done, it will be half term before we know it...

Speaking of the end of term, don't forget the forthcoming events:

You can find any forthcoming ticketed events on our Ticket Tailor page: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/foap/>.

The next events are:

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!

Recruiting for FOAP committee members:

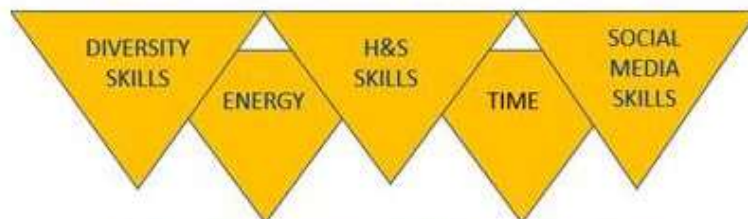
FOAP are still looking for new faces to join an already thriving committee!

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!

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

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 e.g., Egyptians, Romans, Victorian etc.
- 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

Save the dates 2022/23

- 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
- Saturday 22nd April - Happy's Circus
- Saturday 24th June - Summer Fair

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

ATTENDANCE

	Week Ending 16 th September	Week Ending 23 rd September
Infants (highest)	Green 98%	Blue & Green 100%
Juniors (highest)	4T 99.6%	5G 99.6%
Whole School (weekly)	96.9%	96.6%
Whole School (year to date)	96.9%	

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.**

Tues 27th Sept – Nursery and Reception Tapestry and Forest School Meeting 9.00am – 10.00am

Wed 28th Sept – Reception Reading and Writing Meeting 7.00pm – 8.00pm

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

Thurs 6th Oct – Yr 4 trip to Butser Farm

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

Fri 21st Oct – FOAP Bingo and Bubbles

Mon 24th Oct – HALF TERM

Wed 2nd Nov – PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Sun 6th Nov - Sanderstead Fireworks Display

Sat 22nd Apr – Happy's Circus

Sat 24th Jun – Summer Fair