

Atwood Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As it's the beginning of a new school year I have lots of information to give to you, including important dates for your diary.

We will be having our **parents' evening** (for Years 1 to 6) next week on **Wednesday 10th September**. Feedback from parents last year was that they wanted it earlier if possible. The format of a more general meeting for parents where I can also have a short input was also popular, as was providing childcare during the evening.

Therefore each year group will have two meetings, one at 3.30pm and the other at 6.30pm, and you can attend whichever is most convenient for you. If you have more than one child in the school then that allows for you to attend two. Apologies if you have three children between Year 1 and Year 6, but you are welcome to arrange a separate appointment with teachers at another convenient time if necessary.

The class teachers will talk generally about the year and will answer any questions. If you need to talk about something specific, there will be time afterwards for the teacher to speak with you. If it is a private matter, you should arrange a separate appointment at another time.

Mr Veale will look after any children (preferably primary school aged!) in the junior hall, so please drop them off there before going to your meeting. Children should not be left unsupervised on the school premises.

Please remember that the Methodist Church car park cannot be used during parents' evening. Our playgrounds will be available for parking only after 6pm on this occasion.

There will be no separate letter about parents' evening, so we look forward to seeing you next Wednesday.

Secondary school meetings and open evenings are early this year, and therefore I have arranged a meeting for all **Y6 parents** (and Y6 children are welcome too) at **7pm on Monday 8th September**. I will explain the admissions process and try to answer any questions you may have. I have asked a representative from Riddlesdown to speak, but have not had confirmation yet. I will also take that opportunity to talk a little about the PGL trip organised for June. Parking will be available on the premises.

Our new **caterers** began today and all the comments from both pupils and staff were positive. Not all of our Y5 and Y6 children had their free meal today, so please remember that this is available for all Y5/6 children up to next Monday, and Y3/4 from Tuesday. It will be your opportunity to sample the food and 'meet the team' on **Thursday 11th September**



at 6.30pm (for about an hour). Please bring your children!

Swimming begins for **5JK** on **Tuesday 9th September**, but there will be a change in which Y5 children will be going once the SoundStart begins, as they both happen on a Tuesday afternoon. A mixture of both Y5 classes will then swim together, with the remainder swimming at a different time later in the year.

Parents who have expressed an interest in our **after-school care** have already had details about this. If any other parents require the use of these sessions for their children, please phone our office for more information and to register. Mrs Rowland is the administrator for the after-school sessions and is in the office from 7.30 – 8.15am.

Feedback from the class reps has included wanting more information about **clubs** that run at school. We have therefore put together a timetable of all the clubs on offer with details about who may attend. I will send out a separate letter regarding clubs later this week, and most of them start next week. You can see the complete list at **www.atwood.eu/clubs**

Please note that we will be making a £1 charge for children attending **any** clubs to make it fair for all activities. However, we will not charge when children have a match or a competition when they are playing for Atwood. For example we will charge £1 a week for the Tuesday football team, but if they play a match on a Tuesday (or any other day) there will be no charge.

Finally, the **diary page** on the website is constantly being updated and currently has all the dates for parents' evenings, meetings, productions, sports day, etc. Please take a look and make a note of the relevant dates for you. I hope that trips will be added over the next week. If you do not have internet access, please ask at the office for a printed copy from the website.

I will be writing again shortly, but wanted to give you as much notice as possible about all the above events.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Clark
Head Teacher