



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have been enjoying the lovely weather. The children are really enjoying being able to have their lunch time/playtimes on the field.

### **Year 4 Trip to the British Museum**

On Monday Year 4 children had a wonderful trip to the British Museum to study the Ancient Egyptians. Huge thanks to all the parents who volunteered to come on the trip.



### **Year 2 SATs**

The Year 2 children did themselves proud doing their SATs tests and even though some of the papers were really challenging, they demonstrated the school values of bravery, perseverance and resilience by doing their best. Huge thanks go to

the Year 2 staff team, who administered the tests in a calm and supportive manner. Well done to all. These SATs only form part of the overall achievement of each child alongside the work done in class in their books and observations by the teachers. I thought you may be interested to know that the local authority moderation team are coming in today to ensure that the judgements made by the teachers are accurate and based on sufficient evidence.

### **Communication with Staff**

The school actively encourages close links with parents/carers and the community. We know that students benefit when the relationship between home and school is a positive one and we welcome visitors to our school and encourage parents to communicate with us by phone or via email.

If a parent or carer has concerns we will always listen to them and seek to address them as quickly and positively as possible. We will always act to ensure the school remains a safe place for students, staff and all other members of our community and therefore abusive, threatening or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated.

We are very grateful to those of you who always express your concerns in a calm and courteous manner.

When you call Ark Oval Primary Academy you will speak initially to our school office staff. They will do their very best to answer your query or connect you with the person you wish to speak to, but as most staff are teaching throughout the school day, it is most likely that they will take a message that will be passed on to the appropriate member of staff.

Please do not become frustrated with the office staff if they cannot attain an answer to your concern or connect you to the person you wish to speak to straight away; this is not their fault

and any frustrations vented at this time, will not serve to ensure your issue is dealt with any quicker.

At any time when speaking to a member of staff at Ark Oval Primary Academy, please do not raise your voice or use aggressive or threatening language.

### **Attendance letters**

As you are aware the school has a statutory duty to monitor our pupil's attendance. The government sets out expected attendance levels that schools have to reach. Our school target for attendance is 96%. Thank you to those of you who always get your child to school and on time, unless they are ill.

If a child's attendance falls below 93%, the school will follow Croydon Council's guidance in monitoring their attendance and asking for medical evidence to identify whether their absence from that point forward should be authorised or not.

You will be informed of this monitoring in the first instance in a letter. The letter will set out the concerns regarding your child's attendance, the evidence that will be required for further absences and next steps if their attendance does not improve such as a meeting with our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO).

The letter will also explain that continuing poor attendance, lateness or taking holiday in term time will be referred to Croydon Council whose decision it is as to whether to issue a parent with a Fixed Penalty Notice (fine) or not. It is our statutory duty to inform you in these letters that this may be an outcome.

If you receive one of these letters and would like to discuss the content please do not hesitate to contact the school but please understand that the school are only following the guidance they are given and do not have the final say over who may be fined. Ark Oval Primary Academy is committed to making sure that all children achieve their potential and good attendance pays a vital part in them achieving this. Although you may not be a happy if you receive one of these letters, please remember the school is only putting your child's education and welfare first.

### **Fun Clubs**

Whilst we advised there are no Fun Clubs running in the last week of term, there is one exception to this on the 17th July for all those children signed up to the KSI Cooking club on Tuesday. We are running this one off on the 17th July to replace the club we cancelled on the 24th April. We will also send a text reminder nearer the time. Thank you.

### **Year 5 /6 Girls Football Team Victory**

In an exciting match, the girls came away with a tense 1-0 win against Park Hill Primary School yesterday. Despite hitting the post twice, Tianna McDonald scored a great first time finish, with assistance from debutant Ellie (Year 6). A goal for either team could have changed the match, and in the last few minutes a goal mouth scramble inside our penalty box saw some heroic defending from the team, throwing their bodies on the line to block the shots. A good performance and a well-deserved win.

Player of the match

**Beatrix Oscar-Osifo**



Huge thanks to Tom Kember for his excellent coaching of the team.

### **Cleaner Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner. Working hours 2.5 hours per day (3.30pm-6.00pm) 12.5 hours per week term time plus 3 weeks. Please put expressions of interest in writing, and hand into the office.

### **Eid**

I would like to wish all our Islamic parents a happy and joyful Eid Mubarak. I hope you enjoy your celebrations with your families and friends.

I hope you have a good week.

Best wishes

Ali Silke  
Principal



## Dates for your Diaries

Please see important dates below for your Diary:

Date and Time	Event
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Mufti Day – bottles for the bottle tombola
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	School breaks up 1.30pm

### Attendance awards

**From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
2018**

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) was: **Bowie Class**

The highest attending class in KS2 was: **Hawking  
Class**

These classes get to display the attendance cups  
proudly in their classrooms for all to see until  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Our Value week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> June was **Aim High**

The following children demonstrated this value  
this week and each received a certificate in  
assembly. Well done!

**BLAKE  
O'KEEFFE  
SEUSS  
BOWIE  
GILL  
WONDER  
POTTER  
ROSEN  
ZEPHANIAH  
HILL  
LEWIS  
WEIR  
DARWIN  
HAWKING  
LOVELACE  
DAVIS  
PERKINS  
PARKS  
MANDELA**

**Besmir Audiv  
Safa Khan  
Vamika Gujadhur  
Keziah Dixon  
Zoe Siu  
Tudor Gabriel Diaconu  
Jeremy Yeboah  
Isaac Bewke  
Anas Ashraf  
Ronnie Straker  
Shourya Singh  
Keiron Chambers  
Samira Hutchful  
Darek Lewandowski  
Karen Elsey  
Pakirathy Sutharsan  
Emy-Lee Baker-Whiting  
Bogdan, Sergiu  
Ellie Killick**



## BOTTLE TOMBOLA MUFTI DAY



**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**



There is a Mufti Day (children can wear their own clothes) this Friday, please can you donate (**to the class not the office please**) a sealed and in date bottle of soft or alcoholic drink.

Thank you so much for your donations for our last Mufti Day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May, a whopping £392.03 was raised to help support our Summer Fair.

Thank you