



From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to tell you, that your children have settled back to school and are now working and playing hard. I am delighted to welcome the 90 new children, who have started in the Reception classes this week. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them and their families to the Oval community. As you can see they are already enjoying school and learning to behave the 'Ark Oval' way.



New Vision and Values

On the INSET day we reviewed our school vision and values, so that we are really preparing children for their future.

Our school motto is: Striving for Excellence

Our mission statement is:

Children, staff and parents at Ark Oval, are passionate about ensuring every child fulfils their potential and becomes an all-round exceptional citizen, with the skills to succeed in life.

Our new core values are:

- **Be Brave**
- **Be Resilient**
- **Be Honest**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Aim High**

Music in the Ray Charles building at Ark Oval

Our new music teacher Mr Katsaris, has hit the ground running and will now teach all year groups once a week. He will also lead singing assemblies twice a week, as well as a choir for EYFS/KS1 and another for KS2. The EYFS/KS1 choir will practice at lunchtimes for 20 minutes twice a week and the KS2 choir for 20 minutes three times a week.

PE and Lunchtime Sport and Activities

Mr Kember will now be running lunchtime sports activities on the new MUGA (multi-use games area) for KS2 children. The EYFS/KS1 children have access to a range of equipment, such as balls, hoops, and stilts, amongst other things.



PE will be taught once a week as we did last year and children need to wear their PE kit to school. Your child's class teacher will let you know which day your child is having PE.

New Class Names

All the children have enjoyed learning about their new class names.

Year Group	Theme	Class Name
Nursery	Artists	Banksy
Reception	Artists	Georgia O'Keefe
Reception	Artists	Dr Seuss
Reception	Artists	Quentin Blake
Year 1	Musicians	Stevie Wonder
Year 1	Musicians	David Bowie
Year 1	Musicians	J B Gill
Year 2	Authors	Michael Rosen
Year 2	Authors	Beatrix Potter
Year 2	Authors	Benjamin Zephania
Year 3	Sportsmen/women	David Weir
Year 3	Sportsmen/women	Jessica Ennis- Hill
Year 3	Sportsmen/women	Lennox Lewis
Year 4	Scientists	Stephen Hawking
Year 4	Scientists	Charles Darwin
Year 4	Scientists	Ada Lovelace
Year 5	Actors/Entertainers	Sue Perkins
Year 5	Actors/Entertainers	Warrick Davis
Year 6	Leaders	Parks
Year 6	Leaders	Mandela

The children will learn about these inspirational people, as well as others in their class, after whom the teaching groups/tables will be named.

Super Student Awards

We had our first Values Celebration Assembly yesterday and the following children were awarded superstar certificates for demonstrating the value of 'being respectful' by:

- Showing courtesy and good manners towards all children and adults
- Treating others as they would like to be treated
- Always using kind words and actions
- Looking out for others and helping others in need
- Having respectful attitudes towards people in school, at home, and in the local and global community.
- Celebrating and accepting our differences and similarities
- Taking responsibility for our own actions
- Taking an active role in caring for others, our environment and possessions

Our Value of the week was: **RESPECT**

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

BLAKE	Leah Onesi Pereira De Sousa
O'KEEFFE	Joshua Cherubin
SEUSS	Myles Asemota
BOWIE	Richard Oke
GILL	Matteo Carrozzo
WONDER	Janell Dickson
POTTER	Berfin Kus
ROSEN	Aditi Pasam
ZEPHANIAH	Jagoda Nowak
HILL	Gabriel Selvatici
LEWIS	Michelle Stempkowska
WIER	Timi Badejo
DARWIN	Rosie Formoso
HAWKING	Taliah Lewis
LOVELACE	Fabian-loan Bulimar
DAVIS	Harvey Cooper
PERKINS	Adam Stojev
PARKS	Milosz Mikolajczyk
MANDELA	Shannon Munt

Attendance awards

From Monday 11th September to Friday 15th September 2017

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) was: **Bowie**

The highest attending class in KS2 was: **Parks**

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see until Friday 22nd September 2017

Gates open at 8.20am

for 8.30am start



If your child is

**5 minutes late every day
= 3 days of school lost a year**

**10 minutes late every day
= 6.5 days of school lost a year**

**15 minutes late every day
= 10 days of school lost a year**

**20 minutes late every day
= 13 days of school lost a year**

**30 minutes late every day
= 19 days of school lost a year**

PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE

Key Dates for your Diaries

Please see important dates below for the 'meet the teacher' events, Year 6 SATs and Secondary Transfer, and Year 2 SATs.

Date and Time	Location	Event
Tuesday 26 th September 2017 8.45- 8.15am	Classrooms	Meet the teacher KSI Year 1 and 2
Friday 29 th September 2017 8.30 am	Dining Hall	Macmillan Cancer Research Coffee Morning Mufti Day
Friday 29 th September 2017 3.30 pm	Playground	Macmillan Cancer Research Cake Sale
Monday 2 nd October 2017 8.45 – 9.15am	Classrooms	Meet the Teacher KS2
Wednesday 4 th October 5pm	Lower Hall	Year 6 SATs and Secondary Transfer Meeting Parents from Year 5 also welcome.
Monday 9 th October 5pm	Lower Hall	Year 2 SATs Meeting
Monday 9 th October 2017 8.45-9.15 am	Classrooms	Meet the teacher Nursery and Reception.
Tuesday 17 th October KS2 8.30-9.30am	Lower Hall	Maths KS2 Workshop
Wednesday 18 th October 8.30-9.30am	Lower Hall	English Workshop
Wednesday 15 th November 8.30 – 9.30	Lower Hall	Maths KSI Workshop
Friday 8 th December 3.30 -5.30	Playgrounds	Winter Fair
18 th & 19 th December 2017 Times to be advised	Old Building Halls	Christmas performances
Wednesday 20 th December 2017	Playground Dismissal	Last Day of Term Finish at 1.30 pm
Tuesday 2 nd January 2018	Usual Entry Points	First day of Spring Term
Tuesday 8 th & Wednesday 9 th January 2018	Classrooms	Parent Consultations