



## Photo of the Week

**Year 4 have shown amazing bravery starting their swimming lessons at Royal Russell!**

Be Brave

Be Resilient

Be Respectful

Be Honest

Aim High

Dear Parents and Carers,

Before I tell you about our achievements this week I will take a second to thank you. Thank you to everyone in the community who has been brave enough to believe in Ark Oval, the staff, the students and the community and despite some turmoil have started the year with a positive attitude and a passion to do the very best for the children here. I would also like to thank the parents who came along to the coffee mornings and spoke with such honesty and passion about what they feel the school should be and the values we hold.

We have had a great start to the term and the children are loving learning. Have a great weekend, Mr Martlew and all the staff.

### ATTENDANCE AWARD:

**Curie (Yr3) - 99.63%**

### PUNCTUALITY AWARD:

**Tenzing (Yr3) - 100%**

## Celebration of Achievement

These children have embodied these values to the very highest order and should be rightfully proud of all they have achieved. They will be receiving a certificate of achievement on Monday

	<b>Be Brave</b>	<b>Be Resilient</b>	<b>Be Respectful</b>	<b>Be Honest</b>	<b>Aim High</b>
1	Norah	Kotryna	William	Kehinde	Shiza
2	Samuel	Sanushka	Oliver	Sky	Tanisha
3	Craig	Berfin	Elizabeth	Cianna	Kaiser
4	Azriel	Rishbah	Yashu	Ashley	Julia
5	Aayush	Ashwaq	Rion	Georgia	Lauren
6	Angel	Jake M	Farasat	Seya	Nfemi

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## MAKATON - SIGN OF THE WEEK

As a school we are all trying to learn Makaton together, our aim is for everyone to be able to communicate using spoken language and Makaton. Every week we will be learning the 'Sign of the Week' from the 'We talk Makaton' website and would like to invite you to learn along with us. Please follow the link and enjoy signing!

### GREENDOJO TO CHILDREN WHO COME AND SHOW MR MARTLEW OR MS DESAI THE SIGN OF THE WEEK



<http://wetalkmakaton.org/>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

24th Sep	Yr5 Meet the Teacher 0845—Dining Hall
25th Sep	Phonics Workshop 0845—Dining Hall 1700—Dining Hall Please any parents in reception or Yr1 attend ONE of these
27th Sep	Meet the Teacher—Catch Up Meeting If you couldn't make the earlier meetings all teaching and leadership staff will be available at 17:00 – 1730 in the Dining Hall.
28th Sep	NSPCC Children's workshop
2nd Oct	Yr2 SATS readiness meeting 0845— Dining Hall 1800—Dining Hall Yr2 parents please attend ONE of these meetings
4th Oct	Yr6 SATS readiness meeting 0845— Dining Hall 1800—Dining Hall Yr6 parents please attend ONE of these meetings
5th Oct	McMillian Charity Coffee morning - DETAILS TO FOLLOW
9th Oct	KS1 (Yr1&2)Mathematics Skills Workshop 0845—Lower Hall
11th Oct	KS2 (Yr3,4,5&6)Mathematics Skills 0845—Dining Hall

### KEY STAGE NOTICES

#### RECEPTION

- Introduction to phonics aimed at Reception children. Materials provided to support your child at home. TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> September 0845 or 1700 **VERY IMPORTANT**

#### KS1

- Introduction to phonics aimed at new to Year 1 children. Materials provided to support your child at home. TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> September 0845 or 1700 **VERY IMPORTANT**

#### LOWER KS2

NO NOTICES THIS WEEK.

#### UPPER KS2

- **The eadmissions site is open** and parents who have children in Year 6 can now apply for a secondary school place in September 2019. The application deadline is Wednesday **31 October 2018** and applying online is easier than ever at [eadmissions.org.uk](http://eadmissions.org.uk) Full information about secondary schools' open days/evenings and the application process can be found on the council's website and in the 'Admission to secondary schools 2019-20' booklet at [www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions).

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## WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES



### ***Punctuality from 10th September – 21st September 2018***

This is **BRILLIANT** so far this year – very impressed with the dedication and resilience being shown across the school getting the children in and learning as soon as possible

However, a total number of 86 children have arrived late to school losing 12 hours and 25 minutes of learning time.

Please remember that punctuality is a lifetime habit and therefore instilling good practice around punctuality is really important even at an early age. If your child has been late more than 2 times in 1 week, you will receive a text. A letter will be sent after 5 lates. If your child's punctuality does not improve after receiving the text and letter, you will be called in to meet with the Education Welfare Officer.

### ***Uniform***

The academy will shortly be releasing a set of guidance for parents regarding appropriate uniform and a date for this to be enforced. Uniform is a crucial part of the school ethos, values and belief that our children should be proud to attend the academy and take that pride and attention to detail into the rest of their lives as they go from success to success.

### ***School Song***

The children have been singing the school song with great gusto over the last two weeks – we sing this every morning and at the start of every assembly. The words are at the end of the newsletter ready for you to join in as well!

### ***Social Media***

The academy will be endeavouring to improve communication with parents and as part of this will be making use of both an active twitter page @arkovalprimary and a Facebook page @arkovalprimaryacademy to keep parents up to date with information and events in school. Our website is due to be refreshed and will soon display key documents such as curriculum and menus as well as up to date news and events.

### ***Local Football***

Eversley Rangers FC are looking for boys and girls for their u10 squad. The team are in the Tandridge League; with their matches on a Sunday and training on a Wednesday evening and Saturday morning. If you are in Year 4 or 5 and are interested in joining the team please contact Amanda Hills (Lenny's mum in Y5) on 07981 741 929.

### ***Parent Pay – The way to pay!***

It's great to see that so many of you have now signed up for Parent Pay accounts – **84%** which is fantastic so Thank you.

For those of you that have not I would recommend that you do this as soon as possible as we are a cashless school and payment for all services i.e School Dinner, wrap around care ( Breakfast Club and After School Club) as well as our School Trips and Fun Clubs when running must all be paid for **online**. *If you do not have account or are not sure how to activate, please get in touch with the School Office, who will be pleased to help.*

Whilst on the subject of Parent Pay, please note that accounts must be maintained in **Credit at all times** and **services paid for in advance**. If we see accounts falling into areas you will be advised that access to the services this relates to will be withdrawn especially our Breakfast Club and After School Club.

### ***Childcare Vouchers – (for payment of Breakfast Club and After School Club only)***

We are in the process of getting an account set up for the school in terms of the Government Scheme that has been introduced as Childcare Voucher Schemes for new users are being withdrawn in October. We have however had some teething problems with getting this activated. **Please be patient whilst this is worked through and we will advise you as soon as this becomes operational.**

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Please see attached link for more information on the Government Scheme.

[www.gov.uk/childcare-provider-tax-free-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-provider-tax-free-scheme)

N.B While we are still able to, we will continue to accept existing Childcare Vouchers if you are a current user. We have the following companies registered with the school at this time Computer Share, Eden Red and Sodexo. If you are current user with another company and need the school set up with that firm, please email the details to the school office - [office@arkovalprimaryacademy.org](mailto:office@arkovalprimaryacademy.org) and we will take forward.

### **Parent Governor**

We will shortly begin looking for a parent governor – if you are interested or have any queries about the role please contact [t.martlew@arkovalprimary.org](mailto:t.martlew@arkovalprimary.org)

## **SAFEGUARDING**

**Please remember if you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of a child, do not hesitate to contact Miss Bramson, our Designated Safeguarding Lead or Mrs Whitehurst our Deputy Safeguarding Lead.**

**We also work closely with Mr Powell our Family & School Key Worker as part of our Pastoral Team.**

**If you need any support or advice, a member of our Safeguarding Team will be happy to meet with you.**

## **Ark Oval School Song**

### **Change the world**

#### **Verse**

Here I stand with my sisters and brothers,  
In a day full of opportunity;  
And the choices I make,  
All the challenges I face,  
Will help me learn who I want to be.

#### **Chorus**

So I'm gonna be brave  
With the courage of a lion.  
I'll never give up  
If things don't go my way.  
Respect and honesty begin with me,  
And I'm gonna aim high,  
Gonna reach for the sky.  
I have the power in me  
To change the world I see  
For the better.

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