



**From Mrs Silke**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **School Photograph**

If you would like to order your child's school photograph, please return the envelope to the school office by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. Please make sure you have the correct money in the sealed envelope as we are a cashless school and therefore do not have facilities for change.

### **Punctuality Matters**

Ark Oval's priorities are the education and safeguarding of your children. As an Ark School we offer extra learning time of 2.5 hours a week. We would therefore like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that at Ark Oval the school day starts at 8.30am with the important early work being done by the children while the register is taken. Therefore all doors are closed at 8.30am prompt. After 8.30am a late book is in operation so that we are able to make sure that we have an accurate record of those children who are in the building, as in the event of an emergency, we need to make sure that we know who is in school if they have missed normal class registration.

Being late to class can affect your child's achievement, cause embarrassment and disruption for the rest of the class.

5 minutes late everyday = 3 lost days each year

10 minutes late everyday = 6 lost days each year

15 minutes late everyday = 10 lost days each year

20 minutes late everyday = 13 lost days each year

30 minutes late everyday = 19 lost days each year

**On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 59 children were late that is equivalent to 2 classes.**

Lateness is just as serious as poor attendance and in the same way can lead to a fixed penalty notice from Croydon Council.

Staff on door duties synchronise their watches by electronic GMT and a bell is now rung in the old building to signal that doors must be closed. We are also going to be getting some synchronised digital clocks to indicate the time so that there is no confusion.

We open the gates and doors at 8.20am, so we strongly recommend that you aim to arrive at this time, to avoid being late. This will alleviate any frustration caused by having to sign your child into the late book.

Many thanks to all parents, who are patient and understanding when waiting to sign their child in. Please could I remind all parents and carers, that we expect all adults on the school site to be courteous and respectful to school staff. Shouting at school staff is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Please bear in mind that if you are dropping off more than one child, it is possible that you may get to one entry door on time at 8.29am at the back entrance but by the time you get to the front entrance it will be 8.30am and the door will be closed.

Thank you for your continuing support and understanding.

### **Parents and Carers's Coffee and Mince Pie Mornings**

It would be lovely if you could join us for a coffee and mince pie at one of these events. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reception and Nursery - 8:45 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Year 1 and Year 2 - 8.45 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - 8.45 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Best Wishes

Ali Silke  
Principal

## Attendance awards

**From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) was: **Zephaniah**

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

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Our Value last week was **Resilience**

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**

Rodrigo Teixeira Passao  
 Sharon Bruce  
 Nayef Khanaferah  
 Arisha Khan  
 Zara Leadbetter-Cylan  
 Harriet Holdforth  
 Mujtanibah Khan  
 Nabeela Ahmad  
 Mohammed Ali  
 Ivan Ung  
 Warren Munt  
 Daniela Pinho Verdades  
 Skye Kilby  
 Aaron Nikaj  
 Karen Elsey  
 Aradhana Ramesh  
 Efraha Katumba  
 John Aries  
 Samuel Xhafa

## Key Dates for your Diaries

Please see important dates below for your Diary:

Date and Time	Location	Event
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	School office	School photographs need to be returned if you would like to purchase it.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	All classes	Mufti-Day – Donate bottle
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 8.45	Dining Hall	Year 1 & Year 2 Coffee and Mince Pie morning
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 8.45	Dining Hall	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Coffee and Mince Pie morning
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 3.45 – 5.30pm	Playgrounds	Christmas Fair
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 Times to be advised	Old Building Halls	Christmas performances
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 8:45	Dining Hall	Reception & Nursery Coffee and Mince Pie morning
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Playground Dismissal	Last Day of Term Finish at 1.30 pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2018	SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018	Usual Entry Points	First day of Spring Term
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 4.00 to 6.00pm	Classrooms	Parent Consultations

**School opens at 8.20am for 8.30am start  
 Please do not be late**



