



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

As you will have seen from the letter sent home to you by Ms Ann Ewing the Chair of Governors on Monday, Mrs Silke is unfortunately unwell at the moment. I am sure you will join me in sending her our best wishes and we look forward to seeing her back in school soon. In the meantime, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Parents Consultation Meetings

A quick reminder, the second Parent Consultation Meeting is being held on Wednesday 17th January. If you have not yet requested an appointment time please contact your child's class teacher. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Meet and Greet message from our Executive Principal, Miss Jacqui Steele.



Thank you so much to those of you who were able to join our Chair of Governors, Ms Ann Ewing and myself for our meetings today and yesterday. They were most informative and supportive. We have taken the feedback on board and will be putting actions together immediately. I look forward to working in partnership with you all.

Singing Concerts

We would like to again express our apologies that the Winter Concerts were cancelled before Christmas and we understand the disappointment this has caused. We have decided to hold Singing Concerts for the end of this half term. This is a great opportunity to hold a community event.

Years 1 & 2 will be on Monday 5th February at 9.00am and 3.30pm

Years 3 & 4 will be on Wednesday 7th February at 9.00am and 3.30pm

Years 5 & 6 will be on Friday 9th February at 9.00am and 3.30pm

A separate letter will follow for you to indicate which concerts you hope to attend so that we have an idea of numbers.

We are hoping that you will all want to join us in this celebration. **If you are unable to attend the 3.30pm performance, please note that your child will need to be collected at the later time of 4.00pm on the day of their performance.**

Change of Adults collecting children

As you are aware, as a school we only allow adults whose names are recorded on your child's contact list to collect at the end of a school day. Please make sure that this list is up to date and any changes are given to the office in good time. We understand that sometimes last minute arrangements may need to be put into place as a result of an emergency and you may need someone not on your list to collect your child.

As you must agree, in these circumstances the safeguarding of your child is the school's priority so please understand when we ask you to email us details or set up a password system for security. The school office email address is: office@arkovalprimary.org

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that as a school we do not let anyone under the age of 16 collect another child.

Ark Oval 2017 Results

It has come to our attention that there may be some misconception about our academic results for last year. As you can see from the table below, Ark Oval performed well against the national results for individual subjects. What was a little disappointing was the combined RWM (Reading, Writing and Maths) figure which, whilst above the previous year, was still below national. We are working hard to improve on this result for 2018.

	2015-16 (Attainment)		2016-17 (Attainment)		School Vs. National
	School	National	School	National	School
EYFS	84%	69%	82%	71%	11%
Phonics	96%	81%	93%	81%	12%
KS1 ENR	88%	74%	77%	76%	1%
KS1 ENW	79%	65%	75%	68%	7%
KS1 M	86%	73%	83%	75%	8%
KS2 ENR	58%	66%	72%	71%	1%
KS2 ENW	89%	74%	83%	76%	7%
KS2 M	69%	70%	68%	75%	-7%
KS2 RWM	49%	53%	57%	61%	-4%



From Miss Bramson

Acting Principal

Key Dates for your Diaries

Please see important dates below for your Diary:

Date and Time	Location	Event
Wednesday 17 th January 4.00pm to 6.00pm	Classrooms	Parent Consultations
Monday 5 th February 9.00am and 3.30pm	Lower Hall	Years 1 and 2 Singing Concerts
Wednesday 7 th February 9.00am and 3.30pm	Lower Hall	Years 3 and 4 Singing Concerts
Friday 9 th February 9.00am and 3.30pm	Lower Hall	Years 5 and 6 Singing Concerts

Congratulations to

Teliyah Reid (Seuss Class)
Yaqub Obaid (Perkins Class)

both won a £10.00 W.H. Smith Voucher from the
100% attendance draw

Potter and Perkins Classes
had the best attendance last half term

Well done All

Attendance awards 

**From Wednesday 3rd January to Friday 5th
January 2018**

The highest attending class in KS1

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

The highest attending class in KS2 was:

Lewis/Davis Classes

These classes get to display the attendance cups
proudly in their classrooms for all to see until
Friday 12th January 2018

Attendance awards 

**From Monday 8th January to Friday 12th
January 2018**

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) was: **Potter 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 19th January 2018