



From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope was an enjoyable break.

I am extremely pleased to be back at work and it's been lovely seeing you and your children (who are already working very hard) over the last three days. I am very grateful to Miss Bramson and the rest of the leadership team for running the school so efficiently in my absence.

Year 1 Trip to the Museum of Childhood

The children from Year 1 had a wonderful time on their trip to the Museum of Childhood before half term. They were enthralled to see all the different types of toys on display. They were especially excited when they found some of the toys they play with now while being fascinated and intrigued by some of the older toys that their parents/grandparents would have played with. The children also took part in a Moving Toys workshop where they looked at different types of toys and how they move without batteries. They also got some time to explore these toys during a hands-on session. The highlight of the day though was definitely the children having the opportunity to play with the indoor sandpit and dress-up in a variety of role play outfits which they loved.



World Book Day Thursday 1st March

Just to remind you, that World Book Day is on Thursday next week when children can dress up as a book character for the day.

Danceathon and end of term mufti day Wednesday 28th March

As you are aware the last day of term is usually a fundraising Mufti Day. This year we have decided to hold a Danceathon when all year groups will have an opportunity to dance a routine choreographed by Maci, one of our Year 4 pupils, through the day. As the half day at the end of term would not provide enough time to do this, we have decided to have the Mufti day on Wednesday 28th instead. Mufti Day contributions of £1 will be donated to Action for Children.

Sports Day Wednesday 18th July 2018

I thought you would like to get the above date in the diary. We are very fortunate in having the lovely field facility and so we will be having sports day for all year groups here as usual on the above date. All parents and carers are welcome to come and watch their children compete. More details and timings will be sent out nearer the time.

School Closure due to Local Elections 3rd May 2017

As the school is being used as a polling station on the above date, I'm afraid we have to close the school to children on this day. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Provisional Inset Days and Term Dates 2018/19

As you were informed previously we will be following the Croydon term dates as follows:

Inset Days

The dates for the Academy INSETs are as follows: Monday 3rd September 2018, Tuesday 4th September 2018, Friday 21st December 2018, Monday 7th January 2019, Tuesday 23rd April 2019, Monday 22nd July 2019 and Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Term Dates

Autumn 1	03/09/18 - 19/10/18
Half Term	22/10/18 - 26/10/18
Autumn 2	29/10/18 - 21/12/18
Christmas Break	24/12/18 -04/01/19
Spring 1	07/01/19 - 15/02/19
Half Term	18/02/19 - 22/02/19
Spring 2	25/02/19 - 05/04/19
Easter Break	08/04/19 - 22/04/19
Summer 1	23/04/19 - 24/05/19
Half Term	27/05/19 - 31/05/19
Summer 2	03/06/19 - 23/07/19

In providing the above I would stress that we are just waiting for Ark Central to CONFIRM the INSET days but thought the information would be useful for you to have a rough idea in the interim. **I will send out the confirmed dates as soon as we have them.**

I and the Ark Oval team are looking forward to working with you over the coming term.

Best Wishes

Ali Silke
Principal

Congratulations to

Siddhi Nandyal (Seuss Class)
Shourya Singh (Lewis Class)

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

Potter and **Darwin** Classes
had the best attendance last half term

Well done All

Attendance awards 

**From Monday 5th February to Friday 9th
February 2018**

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) was: **O'Keeffe**

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

These classes get to display the attendance cups
proudly in their classrooms for all to see until
Friday 23rd February 2018

Key Dates for your Diaries

Please see important dates below for your Diary:

Date and Time	Location	Event
Thursday 1 st March		World Book Day -Dress up as your favourite book character
Wednesday 28 th March		Danceathon and end of term mufti day
Thursday 3 rd May		School Closure due to Local Elections
Saturday 23 rd June		Summer Fete
Wednesday 18 th July		Sports Day

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPT 2018



**FULL TIME AND PART TIME NURSERY PLACES
AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2018**

**CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH MUST BE BETWEEN
01/09/2014 – 31/08/2015**



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