



From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to all of you who came to the Reading Breakfast last Friday, it was great to see so many of you there.

Reading for pleasure is something we are working on as a school, so it is great to know we have such fantastic support on this from you at home. The teachers have also done a great job recently improving their book areas so that they are attractive and enjoyable for the children to use.



As you can imagine the children love using these new areas.

INSET DAY CHANGES 2018/19

I need to inform you that Jacqui Steele has agreed an additional 3 INSET days with Ark Central on the 5th, 6th, and 7th September for staff training. This means the first day back for the children will be **Monday 10th September 2018**. The new dates will go on the website today and a new calendar will be given out tomorrow.

PARENT MEETINGS WITH CHAIR OF GOVERNORS AND PRINCIPAL

Just to remind you that the next parent drop-in will be tomorrow at 8:30am in the Dining Hall.

Please note that the time of the meeting on Tuesday 8th May has been changed from 3:30pm to 2:45pm due to parental feedback.

PARENTAL CONCERNS

I would like to update you on the parental concerns that arose, alongside many positives, from the November parent questionnaire, in terms of actions taken and future plans. Apologies, for the delay on this feedback.

Concern Raised	Actions Taken	Outcome/plans
Homework	Consultation with staff regarding what is manageable and useful for children's progress.	Homework policy has now been agreed with staff and updated on website.
More advance notice of school events	Events diarised to end of year.	Advance dates included in newsletter on weekly basis. Holiday Dates on the website as soon as confirmed by Ark Central.
Improve outdoor toilet facilities	Discussed with Governors, broken door replaced.	During Easter break, they will be deep cleaned, painted, and new flooring laid.
More information on how pupil progress is assessed and feedback given to parents	Teachers asked to explain assessment outcomes in January parent meetings.	Advance notice given of parent consultations after Easter. Ms Bramson to update assessment section of website before Easter.
Website update	We are currently updating it section by section, prioritising parent pages and areas parents have asked about.	Parent pages and policies updated by Friday 20 th April.
Dismissal process	Dismissal arrangements were amended at the beginning of December.	If it is raining wet dismissal will take place (please see overleaf for arrangements).

PTA NEWS

It is with regret that I need to inform you that Fasliah Ghouse has decided to resign as Chair of the PTA, as due to family and new work commitments she is unable to spare the time. However, she is still willing to help support school events as a parent.

If you are interested in standing as Chair, or even if a few of you would like to stand as Co – chairs please do come along to an informal meeting to find out more about what is involved on Thursday 29th March at 12:30pm in the music room. Look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes

Ali Silke - Principal





Attendance awards

From Monday 5th March to Friday 9th March 2018

The highest attending class in KS1

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

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

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see until Friday 16th March 2018

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**

Anais Dupuy Rahman
Tehreem Ismail
Nikita Chopra
Sama Ghezally
Lucy Gromadska
Caitlin Poon
Lidia Alieva
Kaiser Kassam
Luke Alrondo
Aishani Pandey
Omid Safi
Kim Checkley
Taylor Munt
Jennifer Medeiros-Almeida
Roshni Rajasekaran
Pakirathy Sutharsan
Emy-Lee Baker-Whiting
Khyle Elliott
Stephane Faria Figueredo

Key Dates for your Diaries

Please see important dates below for your Diary:

Date and Time	Event
Friday 16 th March	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
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
Thursday 15 th March at 8:30am	Drop in Meeting with Principal and Chair of Governors
Tuesday 8 th May at 2:45pm	Drop in Meeting with Principal and Chair of Governors
Tuesday 5 th June at 8:30am	Drop in Meeting with Principal and Chair of Governors
Tuesday 1 st May 4.00pm to 6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 9 th May 4.00pm to 6.00pm	Parent Consultations

Wet Dismissal Arrangements

- Potter and Rosen classes are dismissed from the door opposite the music room.
- Zephaniah and Lovelace classes are dismissed from the main door of the old building.
- Hawking and Darwin classes are dismissed from the main building stairwell.
- Year 1 and Year 3 classes are dismissed from the hall of the old building.

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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