



From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are having a good week despite the bitterly cold weather.

Assessment Week and Parent Consultations

This week the teachers are busy assessing children's progress made this term. Parent consultations will be held next term, on Tuesday 1st May and Weds 9th May from 4pm-6pm. The teachers really look forward to seeing you there so that they can share the outcomes of these assessments with you as well as the next step targets for your children. We will be writing to you regarding appointment slots during week commencing 16th April.

PE and Sport Update

Tom Kember is doing a sterling job of ensuring our pupils have an opportunity to take part in competitive sport. There is a home match this coming Friday 23/3 for the Year 6 Boys Team against Robert Fitzroy. This is a rematch having previously lost to Robert Fitzroy by 4-1.

There is an away game for the Girls Year 6 Team next Tuesday at Park Hill School. They will be looking for a win having narrowly lost to Davidson School by 2-0 at the last fixture.

Mr Kember is currently liaising with Woodside School for friendly matches. He is also planning to introduce friendly matches for the Year 3 & 4 Teams soon. Dates to be advised.

Parent Drop in Meeting with Chair of Governors and Principal

Thank you to all parents who attended this meeting. SLT and staff are discussing the issues raised and I will outline actions taken / plans in next week's Newsletter.

Ark Croydon Secondary School Update

Ark Blake Academy will be a brand new six-form-entry Secondary School with a 300 place sixth form. It will open in September 2020, initially with 180 Year 7 pupils and grow by one year group each year.

Planning permission was granted unanimously by the Council's Planning Committee in October 2017.

Since then, the construction company Wates have begun work to demolish the existing structures on site. This has progressed well and they will begin to construct the new buildings later in 2018.

Jane Fletcher, Ark's Regional Education Director for South London and Hastings, will lead the development of the school ahead of a Principal being appointed in 2019.

The intention is to form strong links between Ark Blake and Ark Oval and we will continue to keep you updated as the new school progresses.

New procedures regarding informing parents of a Red Table sanction

As of Monday, if your child receives a sanction of a red table for not following school values then we will be informing you via the usual slip which will now be placed in your child's bag which will then be followed up by a text from the school office to inform you of the situation. Rather than discussing the reason behind the sanction at dismissal time on the playground the class teacher will then endeavour to contact you via phone or through the Class Dojo Messenger App to explain the circumstances behind the sanction. The changes in how we will be delivering this information to parents are in response to parental concerns that were raised during recent Parent Drop in Meetings.

END OF TERM THURSDAY 29th March

I just want to remind you that we break up next week on Thursday at 1.30pm, and there will no After School Club on that day. **The new term starts on Monday 16th April.**

Best wishes

Ali Silke - Principal

Attendance awards

From Monday 12th March to Thursday 15th March 2018

The highest attending class in KS1

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

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

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

Key Dates for your Diaries

Please see important dates below for your Diary:

Date and Time	Event
Friday 23 rd March	Year 6 Boys football home match against Robert Fitzroy School
Tuesday 27 th March	Year 5 Girls football away match against Park Hill School
Wednesday 28 th March	Danceathon and end of term mufti day
Tuesday 1 st May 4.00pm to 6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Thursday 3 rd May	SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO LOCAL ELECTIONS
Tuesday 8 th May at 2:45pm	Drop in Meeting with Principal and Chair of Governors
Wednesday 9 th May 4.00pm to 6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Friday 25 th May	School breaks up normal time
Tuesday 5 th June at 8:30am	Drop in Meeting with Principal and Chair of Governors
Saturday 23 rd June	Summer Fete
Wednesday 18 th July	Sports Day
Friday 20 th July	School breaks up 1.30pm

Our Value last week was **Honesty**

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**

Chevonne Oyibo
Ilyas Zamir
Anesa Aliaj
James Avery
Wilson D'Almeida
Boubacar Sy
Jiya YadaV
Jiya Nirmal Kumar
Anas Ashraf
Elisha Mateus
Yumiko Azman
Phoenix Tanner-Adeoye
Fabian George
Taliah Lewis
Orges Kukaj
Solomon Olushola
Muniza Habibullah
Andreea-Mihaela Raduta
Shumai Woodburn

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.

**SCHOOL BREAKS UP
THURSDAY 29TH MARCH AT 1.30PM**

**SCHOOL RETURNS
MONDAY 16TH APRIL**



