



I have thoroughly enjoyed my first half term at Ark Oval, getting to know you and our wonderful staff and children.

NEWSLETTER Issue 14

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From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 have been reading their excellent stories to Year 4, as their intended audience, this week. They did an outstanding job of inspiring Year 4 to be authors themselves. Well done and thank you to Year 6.



Huge thanks to all parents who came to watch and support their children in the year 4, 5 and 6 performances this week. I am sure you will all agree that the children did themselves proud in all year groups so well done to all children and staff involved..

Thanks to Lunchtime Team

I know you will join me in thanking the lunchtime team who have done a great job providing the school meals in challenging circumstances this term in the small hall. Thanks also to the Forest Academy catering team who have been cooking lots of extra meals to feed our children. Keith and Mike have also done a sterling job of providing the 'meals on wheels' service in addition to all their regular duties. Tash the Cook and his team have all also worked like Trojans this week, making sandwiches to order for all of the children who needed a school lunch!

Building Update

The building is due to be handed over to us on 3rd January and the Main Office and the admin team will move into the building that week, so we expect to be ready to welcome you into our new building when term starts on 5th January 2017. This means that all queries, signing in will be through the new main office.

We also expect the new main entrance from Cherry Orchard Road to be open, so the school will more accessible on entry. The Oval entrances will remain the same.

Dates for your diary

3rd and 4th January INSET DAYS

Academy closed

5th January First day back for children

Tues 17th and Thurs 19th Jan Parent Consultation Evenings 4pm to 6.30pm

Our SPIRIT value of the week last week was:

Independence

The following children demonstrated this value this week and each received a certificate in assembly.

Swansea	Sarthak Sharma
Warwick	Carter-Jane Caliste
Bath	Zara Leadbeatter-Ceylan
Manchester	Hashmat Hashemi
York	Tia Thomas
Roehampton	Krish Chhatralia
Exeter	Heidi Jordan
Liverpool	Shivelle Marshall
Winchester	Farrah Phipps
Canterbury	Andrew Cartey
Brighton	Arda Ocalan
Dundee	Maci Hughs
Durham	Katie Tanner
Aberdeen	Benhur Michael
Glasgow	Christie Nsindu-Kateta
Westminster	Hasini Recharla
Oxford	Shannon Batte
Cambridge	Gabriel Silva-Santos

Staff Changes

Sadly, Sam Dholakia, Jim Brazendale, Jo May and Hannah Lockey are all leaving us to take up promotions, work nearer home or in Hannah's case to go travelling.

I know you will join me in thanking them for their hard work, and wishing them well for the future.

Next term we will welcome the following staff to Ark Oval:

Ms Sammi MacDougall Bath Class,
Ms Annika Cortiana Exeter Class, and
Ms Louise Airey Warwick Class
Ms Aziza St Hilaire Liverpool Class
Ms Alyce Daly York Class
Mr Docherty Aberdeen Class

I would like to thank you and your children for making me feel so welcome at Ark Oval since I arrived as Principal on 3rd November. I feel very proud to be leading such a lovely school community.

I and my team, would like to wish you and your families a happy and relaxing Christmas Break. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday 5th January 2017.

Best wishes

Ali Silke
Principal

This half term's attendance awards



From 31st October – 21st December 2016

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) is: **Swansea**

The highest attending class in KS2 is:

Aberdeen

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see until Fri 13th January 2017.

Congratulations to Omid in Liverpool Class and Harvey in Aberdeen Class who both won a £10.00 voucher for 100% Attendance this term.