



**From Mrs Silke**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy, but successful start to the term with the move into the new building but as you can see from the pictures below, Year 5 and 6 children are now well settled in to their new classrooms.

**Year 5**



**Year 6**



These lovely spacious, airy classrooms have been equipped with lovely new furniture and state of the art ICT teaching equipment. The children are doing a great job of looking after their new learning environments, so that all the younger children will be able to enjoy learning here, for years to come.

**Grand Opening**

We will be arranging an official opening of the new building and a chance for all of you to come and have a look around. We will also be consulting with you, staff and the children on names for the new and old building, as well as the three hall spaces we are now so fortunate to have. This could be to do with the history of the school, famous educators, author, artists or scientists! So please get your thinking caps on in readiness for when we write to you for your ideas.

**Parent Evenings**

Thank you, to all of you, who came to the parent evenings, as the teachers really appreciated you coming so that they could share your child's progress and targets with you. It also shows your child that you really care about how they are doing in school. They love it when we share what we have told you about them.

Thanks to those of you who completed the questionnaire regarding timings of the end of school day. We want to arrange for every family to have had the chance to complete a

questionnaire as we really want to ensure that we get as much feedback as possible so that the outcome of the consultation is truly reflective of the parent body. So if you were unable to attend parents evening, and so did not complete a questionnaire please drop by the school office to pick one up so that you can complete it on behalf of your family. We will let you all know the outcome of the consultation as soon as possible.

### **Morning Drop Off Routines**

Ark Academies pride themselves on the fact that they provide more time for learning than some other schools to help children make maximum progress, which is why the school day starts at 8:30. We open the doors/gates at 8.20 to make it easier for you to drop off your children so that they are in time for the start of the school day. At 8.30 the register is taken so that all children are accounted for in the building in terms of Safeguarding but also in terms of school meal numbers.

Children arriving after 8:30, when the doors have closed will need to have their names entered in the late book so that the office can enter them on the system.

There will be a late book in the old building until 8.40, but if your child arrives after this time, they will need to be signed in at the main front office. The school gates from Oval Road and Cherry Orchard Road will now be locked at 8.45, so if you arrive after this time you will need to ring the buzzer on the gate to the main front entrance. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but I hope you understand that it, is in the interest of safety and well being of your children.

Best wishes

Ali Silke  
Principal

Our SPIRIT value of the week last week was:

### **Perseverance**

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

Swansea	Sarah Kittoe
Warwick	Aliza Kalu
Bath	Vinnie Evans-Ireland
Manchester	Bartlomiej Aniol
York	Teodora Caliniuc
Roehampton	Sai Rishit Ummaneni
Exeter	Eden Akyerefi-Arthur
Liverpool	Malachi Dixon
Winchester	Samantha Pendry
Canterbury	Pedro Selvatici
Brighton	Severyn Stempkowski
Dundee	Ayan Islam
Durham	Sidhant Ghose
Aberdeen	Solomon Olushola
Glasgow	Melissa Wolna Kuzeyi
Westminster	Alina Bila
Oxford	Callum Bailey
Cambridge	Tharshagan Uthayasekar

### **This week's attendance awards**



**From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) is: **Warwick**

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 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017