

**NEWSLETTER****Friday 16th September 2016****From Miss Patel**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to welcome you back to the new academic year. I hope you had a wonderful summer break and have enjoyed spending time together as a family, whether that be here in London or away.

I would like to introduce myself as the new acting head of academy at Ark Oval. I am so very proud to step into this role and lead the academy in the next part of its journey.

The start of the new school year is always very exciting and all staff have enjoyed welcoming the children back. I have been visiting children in classrooms and it is lovely to see all of the children, happy and demonstrating such a positive learning in their lessons and living the SPIRIT values of our academy. I am so very privileged to be head teacher and am looking forward to building on the achievements from last year.

As part of this new journey a number of new staff have also joined us at Ark Oval. I would like to introduce you to:

Miss Marutuamuthu Year 1 Manchester class teacher: "I am very excited to be part of the year 1 team at Ark Oval!"

Miss Yu Nursery class teacher

"I am so excited that I am the nursery teacher at Ark Oval! I am looking forward to meeting you and your child next week. It's going to be a year full of fun, adventures and lots of learning."

Miss Odemo Year 3 Brighton class teacher

"I am delighted to be joining Ark Oval Primary Academy. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child."

Miss Lockey Bath reception class teacher

"I'm looking forward to seeing how far our children can develop through teaching exciting and creative activities to support their learning, alongside having lots of fun!"

Miss Lonsdale Year 5 Glasgow

"I recently relocated to the United Kingdom after teaching in Australia for the past six years. I love teaching and I am very excited to be a part of such a wonderful school community."

Miss Nabdalik Year 4 Durham AE

"I'm really forward to working with Durham class this year."

Miss Rosiak Reception AE

"What a lovely start our reception children have had. I look forward to seeing them flourish!"

Miss MacFarlane Year 4 Aberdeen AE

"I'm so happy to support Aberdeen class children and see them become confident and happy learners."

Mr Berwick- Sayers Year 3 Dundee AE

"The children have had a great start to the year. I'm looking forward to working with Dundee class this year."

Working in partnership with our parents is very important to us at Oval and with your support we will achieve the very best outcomes for your children.

To enable this please could I draw your attention to the following polite reminders:

Academy times

The academy day starts at 8:30 am for all children. Please support us by making sure that your son/daughter arrives **on time**. Every minute counts! Children can arrive from 8:20 am and go straight to class.

Attendance

Could I please ask for your support by ensuring medical appointments, where possible, are made out of school hours and holidays not be requested during term time. We strive for every child to be in school at least 96.5% over the year.

Collecting children

All children must be collected by a responsible person over the age of 14. You will inform us in writing, if you wish your child in year 6 to go home by themselves.

Medical update

Let us know if your child has a medical or dietary allergy, so we can update our records. If you have medicine in school, please ensure it is up to date.

Uniform

The children look lovely and smart when they come to school. Please remember that children should wear plain black shoes.

Meet the Teacher Evenings:

You can come along and meet your child's teacher and look at your child's learning environment, as well as looking at your child's books.



Years 5 and 6 – Tuesday 27th September

Years 3 and 4 – Thursday 29th September

Years 1 and 2 – Tuesday 4th October

Nursery/Reception – Thursday 6th October

Parent phonic workshops for reception parents

Monday 26th September 4:15 – 4:45

Thursday 29th September 5:00 – 5:30

Our SPIRIT certificate of the week was: **RESPECT**
The following children demonstrated this value this week and each received a certificate in assembly. Well done!

Manchester	Jagoda Nowak
York	Maya Dupuy Rahman
Roehampton	Nega Thasathanan
Exeter	Cruz Bajaj
Liverpool	Lisa Michael
Winchester	Rakshitha Patro
Canterbury	Mohamed Zamir
Brighton	Neelesha Sahu
Dundee	Jennifer D'Almeida
Durham	Shaniece May
Aberdeen	Harvey Cooper
Glasgow	Milosz Mikolajczyk
Westminster	Tyrece Polack-Crosdale
Oxford	Ayomide Agoro
Cambridge	Berfin Aydin

We are always here to help and support you as parents. Your child's education and welfare is paramount, so feel free to ask your child's class teacher any questions about how they are settling in and progressing.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Patel

This week's attendance figures



The highest attending class in KS1 is: **Winchester**

The highest attending class in KS2 is: **Westminster**

From next week each class with the highest attendance will get to take a class trophy to their classrooms!