



**From Mrs Silke**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for supporting Red nose day last week, the children had a great time. Your contributions are still being counted, and we will let you know how much we have raised in the next newsletter.

***A Note from the Governors***

*Dear parents and carers*

*We held our second governing body meeting of the Spring term on Wednesday 15th March. We welcomed a new governor to our group: Danish Chaudhry who brings valuable skills and experience. We were also delighted to welcome back Steve Jubb, Joshua's dad, who has been on sabbatical for a few months for work reasons. We were sad to say good bye to Sarah Spink who has been a terrific member of the governing body. She will continue to be associated with the school as Ark's primary English adviser.*

*We focused on two main topics in this meeting: the financial projections for the school, and the recent inspection by Ark's primary team. Although these are challenging times for schools, the budget is under control and we are confident that we can continue to make good progress with school improvement. The new building is now in use: we need to complete the fit out of the library and hope to have good news on that soon. The inspection team congratulated Mrs Silke on her leadership of the school and made several recommendations on which Mrs Silke and her team are working.*

*We hope to increase our letting income now that we have expanded premises, and will shortly have the all-*

*weather pitch in use. If you know any groups who would like to rent space, please let Ms Lawlor know.*

*We wish you and your families a happy holiday and look forward to seeing your children back in school in April.*

*With kind regards.*

*Ann Ewing, on behalf of the Ark Oval Governing Body.*

**PTA Events and Fundraising.**

The committee met recently to discuss events and fundraising for the year ahead. Many of you will have heard about the pressure that school budgets are under, and in this climate schools will need to raise more funds for things like school trips and even basic resources such as books. As well as lettings referred to by the Chair of Governors, most schools benefit from fundraising and event coordination by the PTA. Last year the PTA raised an amazing £1100 for Ark Oval, which was great, but we really need to involve more of you in the PTA, if we agree to build on this success.

The PTA committee would really like to get your views and ideas on things the PTA could do for the school, and how you would like to be involved. We really want to hold discos for Year 3/4 and Year 5/6.

However, we need parental involvement from these year groups to make this possible.

We are going to hold two meetings, over a cup of tea/coffee to get your ideas, but also to explain how a team of class reps can really help drive the PTA. The meetings will be as follows:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 8.30 am

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2.45 pm

We would also like to inform you that the Summer Fair is going to be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 12-3pm, so do get this date in your diary too.

## **Pupil Progress, Punctuality and Attendance at Ark Oval**

Thank you to all of you, who get your child to school promptly, before lessons start at 8:30.

However, following pupil progress meetings, where we look at the progress of every child, we are concerned about the number of children who are not achieving their potential, who have attendance below the expected figure of 95%, and those who are regularly late and therefore miss crucial teaching in maths and English.

I will be sending letters out to parents, this week to make you aware, if this is the case.

### **Spirit Value Focus for this week: Respect**

Green dojos and spirit awards will be given this week to children who show that "They treat others as they want to be treated and show that they are responsible for their conduct and their environment."

Finally, I and the Ark Oval team would like to wish you and your families an enjoyable Easter break, and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

With best wishes

Ali Silke

Principal

Our SPIRIT value of the week was **Thankfulness**

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

Swansea	Cianna Lawal
Warwick	James Avery
Bath	Noela Pashaj
Manchester	Phoebe Hedges
York	Entire Class
Roehampton	Daniella Faronbi
Exeter	Layla Sullivan
Liverpool	Chevena Mbala
Winchester	Bella Oscar-Osifo
Canterbury	Amira Charles
Brighton	Keira Phillips-Smerdon
Dundee	Taylor Munt
Durham	Seyar Ghezally
Aberdeen	Shahed Issa
Glasgow	Shumai Woodburn
Westminster	Layla Emburey
Oxford	Tonisha Crosdale
Cambridge	Joshua Myant

### **Attendance awards**



**From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) was: **Swansea**

The highest attending class in KS2 was:

**Brighton (100%) and Canterbury (100%)**

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see until Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

## **IMPORTANT DIARY DATES FOR THIS TERM**

**END OF TERM: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 1.15pm**

**FIRST DAY BACK AFTER THE EASTER BREAK FOR CHILDREN AND STAFF**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**