



From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents/Carers,

I know you will all have been shocked to hear of the tragic news of the terrorist attack in Manchester this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of those who lost their lives or are injured. Sadly, we had to cancel the Year 3 trip to the Natural History Museum on Wednesday as a result. This does not mean that all trips will be cancelled. All trips are risk assessed in advance, and this includes the risk of a terrorist act, in light of the current assessment of the threat level from the Government.

As this tragic event happened the day before the trip, it was not possible to redo the risk assessment at such short notice and also when information was still coming to light regarding the nature of the attack.

Clearly, the children (and staff) were disappointed but the Year 3 team did them proud by organising an alternative 'fun day', which involved a breakfast together to start the day, Geographical learning about Volcanoes, and a ball games session.



The children loved making their volcanoes, which look amazing as you can see in the photograph. Today they are going to be following up on this learning by making volcanic eruptions using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda.

New Office Staff at Ark Oval

I am pleased to inform you that Sandra Smithson has been appointed as PA to the Leadership Team and Ella Justice has been appointed as an administrative assistant. I know you will join me in welcoming them to Ark Oval.

Health and Safety

Please could all parents ensure that children are not allowed to climb on the bike racks on the way into the playground, as it is unsafe, especially as it has a hard tarmac surface underneath. This will help to avoid unnecessary accidents.

Summer is here!

Now that the hot weather has arrived, please could you put sun cream on your children before they come to school. School staff have been advised to ensure that children drink plenty of water throughout the day so please do send a bottle of water in with your child, clearly labelled with your child's name please.

PTA Summer Fayre Book Appeal

The PTA are planning to have a second hand book stall at the Summer Fayre and have asked that I make a plea for donations of any second hand books in good condition. Please hand these in to the school office.

Charity Fundraising and Food Bank Donations

Thank you so much for your donations for the food bank today. The final amounts for our recent fundraising events are as follows:

Red Nose Day - £465.25

Lottie's Fund - £500.20

Thank you for your generosity.

I hope you all have a great half term with your families. Thank you so much for your support over the last half term. We look forward to seeing you and the children on Monday the 5th June as there is no INSET day.

Ramadan Mubarak

I would like to wish all of our families a happy and peaceful Ramadan, when it starts during half term. I am aware that some children, in year 5 or 6, who have reached puberty, may wish to fast in some way during this time. If your child is intending to fast in any way, please could you come to a meeting with me at 8:30 in the old building hall on the ground floor, so that we can get your signatures for consent, and agree how we can ensure your child's well-being during this time.

Best wishes

Ali Silke

Principal

Our SPIRIT value of the week is **Scholarship**

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

Swansea	Wanizah Ahmad
Warwick	Sama Ghezally
Bath	Max Magnavacca
Manchester	Kyna Bajaj
York	Jiya Nireeksha Nirmal Kumar
Roehampton	Filip Flitar
Exeter	Jonathan Faur
Liverpool	Kade Field
Winchester	Ronnie Straker
Canterbury	Saahithi Mandava
Brighton	Nicholas Tota
Dundee	Rion Zogjani
Durham	Muniza Habibullah
Aberdeen	Shahed Issa
Glasgow	Andreea-Mihaela Raduta
Westminster	Aurora Pistorio
Oxford	Jason Vedha Mano Prakash
Cambridge	Tejas Gadkari

This week's attendance awards 

From Monday 22nd May to Friday 26th May 2017

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) is: **Bolton AM**

The highest attending class in KS2 is:

Cambridge

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see until Friday 9th June 2017

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

FIRST DAY BACK FOR CHILDREN AND STAFF

Monday 5th June

School closed for Polling Day

Thursday 8th June

Summer Fair Saturday 17th June

