



## NEWSLETTER

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016



**From Miss Patel**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an exciting week at Ark Oval. Our new reception and nursery children have started school!

We are delighted in the way that the new reception classes have settled into the new term. This week we are also excited to welcome many new starters into our nursery.

The first few weeks of the new term have been spent exploring the many learning and playing resources that we have at Oval. All children have been encouraged to select an activity that they enjoy, as well as sharing and helping out other friends with their play and learning.

Our topic this term in nursery is 'settling in' and we are learning about 'ourselves' in reception. The children have also been learning how we can all become super students by following the rules and routines that help us all to succeed at Ark Oval.



A fantastic start to the new school term nursery and reception!

Regular attendance and excellent punctuality to the academy is essential for your child to reach their full potential. Your child's progress and achievement is **very important** to us and with your support we would like to achieve the very best for them.

In order to maintain our **excellent level of attendance at Ark Oval**, we would appreciate your support with the following matters:

- If your child is absent from the Academy, please notify the academy office by 8:25 am on **0208 688 3000**
- High levels of absence due to illness will not be authorised unless medical evidence from a doctor is provided.
- Try to avoid medical and dental appointments during the school day. If hospital appointments have to be made in school time, appointment cards/letters must be submitted to the academy.
- Holidays during term time will not be authorised during term time. If holidays are taken there is a possibility of a fixed penalty notice being issued.
- If we have concerns about your child's attendance, we want to work with you to discuss how the academy can support you to improve your child's attendance.

### Calling all parents!

#### Message from the PTA

Ark Oval's PTA has been running for over a year! We are looking for parents to join the group. If you are interested please contact Amanda Hills at: [amanda\\_whyte@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:amanda_whyte@yahoo.co.uk) or drop your details into the academy office.

Reminder to all parents- **School timings**

**The academy day runs from:**

**All classes reception to year 6:**

Monday and Wednesday:

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:

8:30 – 3:30 pm

**Nursery**

**AM session:**

8:30 – 11:30 (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

8:30 – 11:45 (Monday, Wednesday)

**PM session**

12:30 – 3:30 (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

12:30 – 4:00 (Monday, Wednesday)



At Ark Oval, we think that good punctuality is important to establish positive habits as children develop, grow and move on to their next stage. It is a life skill that our children will need in the future. To support parents with this, we open our gates at 8.20 am so that children can arrive in a timely manner and be ready for the start of the day at 8.30 am.

I would like to request parents to wait patiently for the gates to open and use all three entrances to access the school.

It has been fantastic to meet so many parents in the playground in the mornings and afternoons. However, I would like to invite all parents to come and meet with me and Jonathan Molver, Executive Headteacher on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30** pm in the lower hall, so that we can share our vision for the academy.

We look forward to seeing you next week at our parent meetings.

Kind regards,

Prerna Patel

## Dates for your diary next week

**Meet the Teacher Evenings:** This will give you a chance to see your child's classroom and see some of the learning they have produced.

Years 5 and 6 – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Years 3 and 4 – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Time: 3:45 – 4:45

**Parent phonic workshops for reception parents**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 4:15 – 4:45

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 5:00 – 5:30

Our SPIRIT certificate of the week was:

**INTEGRITY**

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

Manchester

York

Roehampton

Exeter

Liverpool

Winchester

Canterbury

Brighton

Dundee

Durham

Aberdeen

Glasgow

Westminster

Oxford

Cambridge

Vihaan Srivastava

Issac Abraham

Rama Khatib

Phoenix Tanner-Adeoye

Michelle Stempkowska

Shahid Campbell-Lawrence

Oliver Skowronski

Rihanna Watson

Aren McCarthy

Milan Brown

Muna Ali

Shumai Woodburn

Bhavya Chelikani

Ilesha Vanriel

Hooria Rehman



**This week's attendance figures**

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

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

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see.