



**From Miss Patel**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last academic year, our academy achieved an outstanding result of 96% of our children passing the phonics screening in year 1. This was 15% above the national average and a 3% improvement on our 2015 year results.

Therefore to build on this success, Mrs Dholakia, our Phonics Lead, is very keen to ensure that every child in year 1 is able to learn their sounds and learn to read confidently.

She told me, "Year 1 have had an exciting start to the new school year. The children have already started to have lots of fun learning and using their sounds. Fred has been joining in the fun, helping the children with a range of phonics games and we have already heard some remarkable reading from our friends. Even our parents have joined in with the phonics fun, attending our first phonics workshop and having a go at practising the sounds with Fred!"



Year 1 enjoying phonics at Ark Oval!

As we have several children in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy, please could I take this opportunity to remind everyone that our academy is a:

**NO nuts/Healthy school**

This means that the following items should not be bought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts

As we are a healthy school please can I request parents who prepare packed lunches for their children to ensure that meals do not contain:

- Chocolate
- Crisps
- Sweets
- Fizzy drinks or fruit juices

Water of course is available for all children at lunch times.

Birthday occasions are very exciting for our children and we know many parents want to share party bags with their child's class. We are happy for you to distribute them but ask that you give them out at the end of the day with your child, when the children line up for dismissal. All party bags should not contain products with gelatine or nuts.



Our SPIRIT certificate of the week was:

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

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

Manchester	Viraj Singh
York	Chayce Harris-Gilbert
Roehampton	Berfin Kus
Exeter	Kenya Dos Santos
Liverpool	Warren Munt
Winchester	Zhanae Zeini-McLean
Canterbury	Saahithi Mandava
Brighton	Fabian Bullimar
Dundee	Jennifer D'Almeida
Durham	Adam Stojer
Aberdeen	Davina Cherubin
Glasgow	Beatrix Oscar- Osifo
Westminster	William Cooper
Oxford	Joshua Ramasawmy
Cambridge	Rym Daoud

## **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 1 and 2 – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

EYFS (Reception) – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Time: 3:45 – 4:45

## **Other upcoming events**

### **Coffee morning with Head of School**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

**KSI Disco** – 21<sup>st</sup> October

5:30 – 7:30 pm

## **Calling all parents!**

### **Request from the PTA**

We are looking for a parent DJ, who can support our KS1 disco!

Please contact Amanda Hills at: [amanda\\_whyte@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:amanda_whyte@yahoo.co.uk) or drop your details into the academy office, if you can support us on the 21<sup>st</sup> October

### **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.

Jonathan Molver, Executive Principal, and I would like to thank the many parents who came to meet us this week. I was glad to share our vision with parents, who are extremely important in our journey to outstanding. We are very committed, with staff at Oval to ensure that the quality of education *transforms* the life chances of every child that attends the academy. This means that we have a *driving determination* that every learner leaves Ark Oval, achieving the very best and as *confident, successful* communicators, mathematicians and writers, *eager to pursue their love of learning* at secondary school and beyond.

I am aware that many parents were unable to attend; therefore I hope to see you at the coffee morning on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you for your support and have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Prerna Patel