



From Miss Patel

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome from the
Governing Body!

To all those parents and children who are new to Ark Oval – welcome to our school!

The Governing Body is responsible for the overall wellbeing of Ark Oval Primary Academy. We meet twice a term, and support the school leadership in all aspects of school life. After each meeting, we offer a quick update in this newsletter so that we can tell you what we've been doing.

The Governing Body met last week for our first meeting of this academic year. We were thrilled to see the great progress that has been made on the construction of our new school buildings, and look forward to those being completed and available for your children.

Just as the foundations were set last year for our new building, so too are the foundations of academic success which rely on the hard work undertaken in previous years. We reflected on the strong results of the 2015/2016 academic year – from our wonderful Key Stage 1 results to the strength of writing in Key Stage 2.

We officially welcomed Miss Patel and Mr Molver to our community and we discussed the key objectives for the school in this academic year. Miss Patel, Mr Molver, their senior leadership team and of course the Governing Body are together committed to ensuring Ark Oval becomes an outstanding school, offering the very best education to your children.

I hope you are all settling in to this new academic year and thank you for your continued support.

Caroline Compton-James

Governor, on behalf of Ark Oval Governing Body

Dates for your diary

Coffee morning with Head of School

Tuesday 11th October

8:30 am in the lower hall

KS1 Disco – 21st October

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Final call to parents!

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

Please contact Amanda Hills at:
amanda_whyte@yahoo.co.uk or drop your details into the academy office, if you can support us on the 21st October or want to join the PTA

PTA NEWSLETTER COMING SOON!

Punctuality to Oval could be better!



Thank you to all parents, who bring their children to school on time every day. At Ark Oval we have very clear expectations and think punctuality is important to establish positive habits as children develop, grow and move onto their next stage.

Late arrival in the morning can also be detrimental to your child's education and result in disruption for their peers. It can lead to missed explanations, introductions to lessons and cause your child the distress and embarrassment of being late.

Good punctuality is a life skill that we all need to succeed in life. This is what our pupils think...

Ayo Year 6

You get more learning time and it shows to future employers that you are dedicated and committed

Kaate Year 3

You can learn more when you're on time and you can enjoy lessons more because you know what's going on.



This week's attendance figures

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

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

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

Please can I clarify our expectations:

- **The school day starts at 8:30 am.**
This means children are expected to be in class ready for the register to be taken. You are late to school if you arrive after this time.
- Our doors open at 8:20 am for you to bring your children in early, so they are on time. Children have a great start to the day by immediately engaging in learning!
- If your child is late to school, parents will have to sign their children in the late book. We will work with you to find solutions to improve punctuality if your child is persistently late to school.
- If your child arrives after 9:00 am, it is an unauthorised absence.

The best part of my day is seeing our children arrive to school happy and ready for learning. Have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Patel

Our SPIRIT certificate of the week was:

Thankfulness

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

Manchester	Fern Tucker-Lee
York	Isaac Abraham
Roehampton	Kalima Serrette-Herry
Exeter	Keiron Chambers
Liverpool	Ridhiman Murkerjee
Winchester	Elisha Mateus
Canterbury	Aydan Dickson
Brighton	Eden Gourley
Dundee	Fabian George
Durham	Chyane Powell
Aberdeen	Ryan Mwamengo
Glasgow	Khyle Elliott
Westminster	Shannon Munt
Oxford	Sona Ghore
Cambridge	Joana Miranda Cana Verde