



From **Mrs Silke** and **Miss Patel**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today being the 11<sup>th</sup> November, marks an  important event observed by people in the UK and Commonwealth countries. The nation will come together to remember the members of the armed forces, who died in the line of duty, during World War I. At Ark Oval Primary, children have been learning about Remembrance Day in assemblies. Mrs Silke spoke to children about the significance of the poppy and why we remember those who lost their lives in the 'Great War'. Children, like the rest of the country, observed the 1 minute silence 'at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month' today.

Year 6 have been learning about World War 2 and to enhance their learning, they attended a memorial service on Katherine Street in Croydon. Here the community came together to lay a wreath and observe a 2 minute silence to remember the soldiers who gave their lives for the country.

Parent evenings have been moved to January so that we can report on the progress of your child's entire autumn term. A progress report will be sent as usual in December 2016.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 3:40 – 6:30 pm**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 3:40 – 6:30 pm**

### Our Oval Maths Geniuses!

A very big well done to our Year 5 mathematicians: Aurora, Howard, Jiya and Pranesh for taking part in the maths challenge which took place this Monday at the Old Palace of John Whitgift School. These children took part in several mathematical challenges and worked as a team splendidly! They proudly represented the academy and were awarded second place in one of the two groups! Very well done!



### Dates for your diary

#### 'Meet the Principal' tea party

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Time: 2:30 pm & 5:30 pm

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Time: 8:45 am

**Venue: Lower Hall**

**End of term**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Home time: 1 pm

## Year 5/6 Girls' football team shows great sportsmanship



On a rainy day on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, the year 5 and 6 girls team played as a team for the first time at an inter school tournament. 4 Croydon schools were represented in this local tournament and the team played proudly in the academy red kit. Miss Patel and I, who accompanied the group cheered on from the side line and watched the team improve in every match with formations and passing the ball. The girls were defeated on this occasion but showed great sportsmanship persevering right to the end. What particularly impressed me was the reflection that took place following the matches- the team suggesting that they have more practice with their coach, so that they could improve their skills!

### Mr Kember

It was a real pleasure this morning to share the beautiful home learning projects in assembly this morning. We could see the effort put in by all



children, who spoke so eloquently about their projects and how much they enjoyed doing them. This home learning could not take place without the support from our parents. Thank you for your support as well!

### Miss Patel and Mrs Silke

Having just completed my first full week, I have to tell you how much I am enjoying being Principal at Ark Oval. Thanks for coming to say hello in the playground, it's been lovely meeting you all. Hope you all have a lovely weekend with your families.

Kind wishes,

Alison Silke

Our SPIRIT value of the week was:

### Thankfulness

The following children demonstrated this value this week and each received a certificate in assembly. Reception classes have now joined us in KS1 assemblies, so they are also included below. Well done!

Swansea	Samuel Jacko Csete
Warwick	Shuan Hills
Bath	Harriet Holdforth
Manchester	Aiyanna Melbourne Lee-Sang
York	Jorge Garcia
Roehampton	Vidhuyt Vinoth
Exeter	Euan Kurian George
Liverpool	Yumiko Azman
Winchester	Fautas Ronkus
Canterbury	Pedro Selvatici
Brighton	Makafui Fleischer
Dundee	Kiyara Smith
Durham	Muniza Habibullah
Aberdeen	Angel Genchev
Glasgow	Sahel Moradi
Westminster	Samuel Xhafa
Oxford	Marissa McDonagh
Cambridge	Vienna Tanner



### This week's attendance awards

The highest attending class in KS1 (including EYFS) is: **Swansea- 100%!**

The joint highest attending classes in KS2 are: **Cambridge and Aberdeen**

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

### Polite reminders

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

### Inset day - academy closed to pupils

If you have any concerns or worries please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance via email [office@arkovalprimary.org](mailto:office@arkovalprimary.org) or phone the academy office on 0208 688 3000 to leave a message. Class teachers will be more than happy to meet with you to resolve any issues.