



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Performances

Thank you to all of you that have attended our Winter Singing concerts so far, it has been an amazing turn out. It has also been a fantastic experience for the children who all loved performing in front of you. Your support of these events is very much appreciated.



### World Book Day 2018

World Book Day this year is on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. As a school we are currently planning a number of activities for the children to take part in across the week to celebrate. To give you all plenty of notice, I wanted to let you know that one of the activities will be to **'Dress up as your favourite book character'** and we will be doing this on World Book Day.

If your child wants to dress up as their favourite character I would ask that they also bring in the book that the character is from on the day. If your child doesn't want to dress up as a character that is fine, but they will be expected to attend school on that day in their normal school uniform.

Have a look at the World Book Day website for some great dressing up ideas. [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)

### Summer Fete

Another date for your diary, we have decided that our Summer Fete this year will be held on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. More details will follow in due course.

### Class Dojos

Thank you to all those parents that have taken the time to sign up and register with Class Dojos. I know that a number of you have already started messaging your child's class teacher, which is great to see and helps with staying in touch.

A couple of parents have informed me that there seems to be an issue with being able to see you child's actual Dojo percentage on the Class Dojo app. I have looked into this and do not seem to be able to rectify the problem myself so I have contacted the Class Dojo Helpdesk for support. I therefore hope to have the problem sorted as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and to those parents that have let me know there was an issue.

If you have not yet signed up to Class Dojo then you still can use the unique code you were sent home or ask your child's class teacher if they could give it to you again if it has been mislaid.

### Yellow Zig Zag lines

Please can I remind all parents who drop their children off by car that you should not be parking on the Zig Zag yellow lines outside the school entrances during the times specified on the nearby signage.

The Highway Code states: **'You MUST NOT wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings'**.

Not only do you run the risk of receiving a penalty notice for doing so but you are also, more importantly, putting the children at risk. This is because the cars block the children's view of oncoming traffic, making crossing the road unnecessarily hazardous. Please therefore think carefully before you park before someone is seriously injured.

## Reporting Sickness

Can I ask all parents to be aware of the procedures that need to be followed when letting the school know if your child is absent due to sickness. You need to contact the school by phone on the first day of absence and **every day thereafter** that your child is going to be absent from school. We do need to hear from you each day as we cannot make any assumptions that your child is off because of their continued illness. You don't need to wait for the School Office to open at 8.15am, you can simply leave a message on our answer phone facility. Just dial the school number 020 8688 3000 and select Option 1.

## 2018/19 Terms Dates

A number of parents have asked when we will be releasing the 2018/19 dates. The proposed dates are currently at Ark Central waiting for approval although they will generally follow the Croydon Terms already published. As soon as I have approval from Ark Central I will share them with you which will hopefully be just after half term.

## Marathon Run

One of our Co-teachers and parents, Elizabeth Hayes, is taking on the challenge of running this year's London Marathon for Action for Children in April. Action for Children are an amazing charity that do some fantastic work, so if you would like to support Mrs Hayes and sponsor her you can do so online through **Justgiving.com** and type in her name (Elizabeth Hayes). You can find out more about Action for Children in their YouTube video 'Little Voices' which have featured a number of ARK Oval Children.

## Performing Arts returns to Ark Oval

Kids Vogue Stars are opening their Croydon branch at Ark Oval on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018** (run by the same person that previously ran Make Believe at Ark Oval for the last 4 years).

Aimed at children aged 3 - 18, Kids Vogue Stars offers training by industry professionals in acting, dancing and singing. They have a wealth of experience in teaching performing arts and consistently receive positive feedback on their ability to improve confidence, build character and fulfil potential in a safe and fun filled environment.

You can register your interest by giving them a call and booking your child in for a free trial **on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018** (the perfect way to round off the half term break)! If you're unavailable on this date, further free trials will be taking place on each Saturday until March. To book call Kids Vogue Stars on **0208 432 2200**.

Thank you

**From Miss Bramson, Acting Principal**



  
**Attendance awards**

**From Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018**

The highest attending class in KS1  
(including EYFS) was: **Potter and Wonder Classes**

The highest attending class in KS2 was: **Darwin Class**

Please see important dates below for your Diary:

Date and Time	Location	Event
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 9.00am and 3.30pm	Dining Hall	Years 5 and 6 Singing Concerts
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February Drop-in 2.00pm- 5.00pm	The Field (in fine weather) Lower and Upper Hall (wet weather)	East Croydon Community Organisation
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March		World Book Day - Dress up as your favourite book character
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June		Summer Fete