



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all of you who came to the 'Meet the Principal' tea parties, it was so lovely to meet you all, and to hear your various wishes for our school.

I am thrilled to report that the girls' football team did themselves proud again this week, beating Park Hill 1-0. All the coaches present, commented on how well they played, and how they all demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship when competing. Many congratulations to all.

I would like to make you all aware that we will be having the school photographer in next term and dates will follow. The reason we haven't been able to do it this term is because we are not able to allocate the necessary hall space for the whole day due the building works.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the PTA AGM next week. We desperately need more involvement and support from parents so that we can develop the range of events throughout the year. So even if you are only able to give a small amount of time occasionally, please come along to find out how we are planning to build upon the strengths of the PTA's first year.

Best Wishes

Ali Silke
Principal

Dates for your diary

Winter Concerts and Performances

Please join us before the concerts (from 8:30 am) for minced pies and treats. All parents to be seated for 9:15 am

13th December: EYFS

14th December: Year 1

15th December: Year 2

16th December: Year 3

19th December: Year 4

20th December: Years 5 and 6

Other key dates:

9th December: Inset day - academy closed

21st December: End of term 1 pm



PTA AGM: 8th December 7 pm

Please join us for Parent and Teacher Association annual general meeting in the lower hall. This is a great opportunity to hear about the work of the PTA and elect the committee for 2016 – 17.

Governors' Update

Dear parents and carers

We held our second governors' meeting of the term on Wednesday 30 November. This was Mrs Silke's first full meeting with the governors and we were all keen to hear her impressions. As you know, she took up the role of Principal at Ark Oval on 3rd November so is just completing her first month.

Mrs Silke told us how impressed she has been by the overall behaviour and commitment of the children, and the exciting ways in which they are engaging with their school work. She is getting to know your children individually, and working with their class teachers to identify what the children need to get the very best from their time in school. She is also getting to know the staff and Ark Oval routines, and commented on everyone's exceptional dedication to the school and to your children.

We were thrilled to see the building work progressing so well. Although there is more work still to be completed, you will already be able to see that this additional space will be extremely valuable and will transform the way in which teaching and other activities happen. We are particularly looking forward to the new kitchen and dining hall which will allow lunch times to be a much more social occasion than the rather small, old premises allowed. We are particularly grateful to the catering team who have done an exceptional job in difficult circumstances, cooking food off site and then bringing it across for your children.

There are a number of events at the end of term and we, on the governing body, are looking forward to joining you on those occasions. We'll try to make ourselves visible, and will be delighted if you have a chance to say hello.

On behalf of us all, a very warm welcome to Mrs Silke and thank you to you, as much valued members of the school community, for the support you are giving her.

With best wishes.

Ann Ewing

Chair, Governing Body, on behalf of all the governors

Our SPIRIT value of the week was:

Independence

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

Swansea	Khadijah Nadeem
Warwick	Tanish Gadkari
Bath	Milo Brown
Manchester	Ayesha Nigarish
York	Kaiser Kassam
Roehampton	Eisa Farooq
Exeter	Eden Akyerefi-Arthur
Liverpool	Lisa Michael
Winchester	Ivan Ung
Canterbury	Meenal Ranjan
Brighton	Harshit Jagarlamudi
Dundee	Tom McDonagh
Durham	Nifemi Agoro
Aberdeen	Sreekar Bandaru
Glasgow	Serife Ozkok
Westminster	Selin Ryustem
Oxford	Varsha Piskala Dinesh
Cambridge	Tyrell Kelly

This week's attendance awards



The highest attending class in KS1 (including EYFS) is: **Winchester**

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

Friday 16th December

Christmas Jumper day

£1 donation for Save the Children



