



6th January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back from the Ark Oval team. Your children have settled back well and were very excited to have their lunch in the new dining hall yesterday, as well as having a lovely big playground to run around in. The home learning the children have brought in looks fantastic, and will be shared and discussed in class this week and celebrated in next Friday's assembly. I can't wait!

Sport and PE

I am keen to improve PE and Sport at Ark Oval and so from next week we will have 3 Specialist Sports coaches who will teach PE and Sport throughout the school. They will also be able to run some sports clubs at lunchtime. The PE days for this term when your children need to wear their kit are as follows:

Monday Year 3
Tuesday Year 6 and Nursery
Wednesday Reception and Year 2
Thursday Year 4 and Year 5
Friday Year 1

Morning Drop Off Arrangements

I am very grateful to all parents and carers who get their children into school on time, so they can start learning at 8.30. We open the doors at 8.20 to enable children to be in class by 8.30. As we are required to keep records of children who arrive late, we will, from next week be closing the access doors at 8.30, when the school day starts.

If your child arrives after this time, please ensure that you take them to the school office so that they can be entered in the late book, as well as the class and dinner registers. This is important for safeguarding reasons, but also so that the kitchen have exact numbers for school lunches. Thank you in advance for your co-operation on this matter.

On another note, the two doors into the front of the main building are very close together and the area can become very congested at this time. Some parents have expressed concerns about the younger children getting squashed or knocked over. Please could parents stand back from the doorways so that the children can go in safely. Thank you.

Parent Evenings

Just to remind you that parents evenings are coming up on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th, and a letter will be coming out today, for you to sign up for your appointment. Please return the slips by Wednesday 11th January next week so that the class teachers can allocate slots and let you know as soon as possible.

I and the Ark Oval team are really looking forward to another busy, but exciting term, working together with you for the good of your children.

Best wishes

Ali Silke
Principal