



## Head's Message

Welcome back after what I hope was an enjoyable and relaxing half-term.

In the run up to the end of the year, this half-term looks set to be a busy one. We have a number of fundraising events, including the Conway Christmas Fair and Carols as well as a spotty non-uniform day to raise funds for BBC Children in Need. Please refer to the diary dates for details.

As part of our commitment to further developing our partnership with local sports providers, pupils in Austen Class engaged in a session led by a QPR coach earlier this week. During the session the children learnt nutritional tips to stay healthy then participated in various sports activities. The programme will last for six weeks and will hopefully be the start of a purposeful link with QPR Football Club. Penalty kick-outs at a QPR football match are being offered as an incentive for excellent behaviour and participation so as you can imagine engagement was especially high!

Enjoy the weekend!

## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Potter</b>	<b>100%</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dickens	99.05%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dahl	98.47%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Shakespeare	97.62%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Austen	94.68%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Lewis	92.38%

## Composer of the Week



Our composer next week will be:  
**Richard Wagner**

## Stars of the Week

For showing respect, our stars of the week are:

			
Adonis	Marley	Malachi	Casey
			
Maria	Alec	Freya	Inaya

## Dates for Your Diary

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents AGM at 6pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Year 2 visit to Lyric theatre and School Meals Taster Session

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Conway Open Morning for Reception 2018 intake, 10am.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**- Christmas Fair

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Conway Christmas Carols, 4pm.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Conway Open Morning for Reception 2018 intake, 10am.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**- Christmas Jumper Day

## Celebration Assemblies

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 at Conway. Reception at Bentworth.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**- Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 at Conway. Reception at Bentworth.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**- Potter Class Assembly. Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**- Austen Class Assembly. Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 at Conway. Reception at Bentworth.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**- Lewis Class Assembly. Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

## Website

You will find all our policies, including those relating to behaviour, curriculum & safeguarding on our school website - [arkconway.org](http://arkconway.org)

## Home Learning

**Reception:** "Please tell us about a cultural tradition or festival you celebrate with your family"

**Year 1:** Neil Armstrong landed on the moon in 1969. What was life like then? What was the same? What was different? Find pictures, draw or write (or do all three!)

**Year 2:** Read all or part of a story and choose one of the following reading challenges to complete: A. Draw a picture of your favourite part of the story and describe what you have drawn. B. Give the story you have read marks out of ten and explain why you gave it that mark. C. Find 10 adjectives in the text and write them down. Make up some sentences, each sentence must contain at least three adjectives from your list.

**Year 3:** If you were a Stone Age person, what would you need to survive?

**Year 4:** Spellings from the first list. Research Norman castles in England for our new challenge question!

**Year 5:** How old is America? What can you tell me about its early history?

**Spelling:** words ending in -ance and -ence (list sent home on Wednesday)

**Year 6:** What do you already know about water?

**Spelling:** words ending in -ance and -ence (list sent home on Wednesday)

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr White and his wife on the safe arrival of their baby boy, Mateo. Mr White will enjoy some family time before returning to Conway week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November.



## Year 2 & 4 Parent/Teacher Conferences – date change!

Please note that due to the recent arrival of Miss Farish and Mr White's extended paternity leave, the Year 2 and Year 4 Parent/Teacher Conferences have been postponed until **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017**. If you have already booked a

time slot, this will automatically transfer to the new date. If you wish to amend the time or have yet to book a conference please refer to the sign up form at the front desk.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused, both Mr White and Miss Farish look forward to meeting with you on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

## Every Lesson Counts

As many of you are aware, the academy supports the view that every lesson counts and discourages parents/carers from taking holidays during term time. Thank you to those who continue to support the school with this matter. Acceptable reasons for absence can be found noted in our attendance and punctuality policy available on the school website, please complete a Special Leave of Absence form at the front desk if your child does require time off during the school day.

## Head Lice

We have been made aware of a couple of cases of head lice in school. Treatments to get rid of head lice are available from pharmacies, supermarkets and online. Children may continue to attend school but treatment should be issued immediately. For further guidance regarding identification and treatment, please refer to the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## School Meals Taster Session – save the date!

Chartwells, our catering provider, have confirmed that they will visit Ark Conway on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017** to deliver a taster session and provide information related to how they ensure school meals are nutritionally balanced. Timings have not yet been confirmed but please make a note of the date.



## Pudsey Spotacular – Children in Need, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

We will be going spotty mad on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November to raise money for BBC in aid of Children in Need. Donate £1 to wear your best spotty dress-up instead of your school uniform on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017**.