



Head's Message

Welcome back, it's great to see so many refreshed and smiley faces (staff and parents included) ready for the academic year ahead.

This week we have been incredibly excited to meet our new cohort of children in Reception Class. They have settled into their classroom at Ark Bentworth and have impressed us with their enthusiasm to start learning and make new friends!

Before the children returned, all staff engaged in a planning session to reflect on Conway's current strengths and consider priorities for the year ahead. In collaboration with the parent survey many of you completed at the end of last term, we have a clear idea of how we want to further build on the success of Ark Conway. It's set to be an exciting year!

As many have spotted, I am expecting – I will most certainly be here for the Autumn term and will keep you updated with regard to plans for when I will be on leave.

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Carroll Class	96.43%
2 nd	Shakespeare Class	95.00%
3 rd	Austen Class	94.83%
4 th	Dickens Class	93.10%
5 th	Potter Class	91.38%
6 th	Lewis Class	91.07%
7 th	Dahl Class	83.33%

Reception – Carroll Class

We are adjusting well to being a split site school and all the challenges it presents. We're keen to receive feedback so if there is anything we may have overlooked or could improve, please do let us know.

Please note that following on-going conversations with the school community, we have decided that for this half-term Reception Class will enjoy Value and Celebration Assemblies within the comfort of their own classroom at Ark Bentworth. We will revisit this decision at half-term once we know the children a little better and can identify how best to keep the children safe when walking as a class group between the two sites to join our assemblies at Ark Conway.

Celebration Assemblies

Friday 15th September - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 at Conway. Reception at Bentworth.

Friday 22nd September – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Friday 29th September – Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 at Conway. Reception at Bentworth.

Friday 6th October – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Friday 13th October – Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 at Conway. Reception at Bentworth.

Friday 20th October – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

🎵 Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be:

Ludwig Van Beethoven



Home Learning

Reception: Create a self-portrait collage, using media of your choice. Think about how you might use different textures.

Year 1: Tell me about your favourite animal! Can you draw and write a short sentence to describe it? Where does it live?

Year 2: What steps can we take to protect ourselves from fire at home?

Year 3: Can you find any Greek myths?

Year 4: Spellings 'A-C' from your list. Research the River Thames.

Year 5: Tell me about the species of animal that live in the Amazon Rainforest.

Spellings-see list given.

Year 6: Find as many examples of maps as you can. What are the pros and cons of each that you found?

Spellings-see list given.

Website

You will find all our policies, including those relating to behaviour, curriculum & safeguarding on our school website - arkconway.org

Our Team

Soon we will share a full overview of our team for this academic year. However I would like to introduce our new Graduate Co-teachers, who eagerly join Ark Conway as part of a pathway to becoming a teacher:

Carroll Class – Natasha Siva

Potter Class – Magdalena Klodzinska

Dahl Class – Lily Brown

Lewis Class and Dickens Class – Emily Harris and Anne Kemlo

Austen Class and Shakespeare Class – Amy Knott and Flora Kay

Mr Campo joins our SEN Team.

Non-uniform Reward

Congratulations to Lewis Class (previously Year 2) and Dickens Class (previously Year 3), who won the lunch time reward at the end of last term for consistently demonstrating polite

behaviour and manners in the lunch hall. As a reward they are invited to wear non-uniform on Friday 15th September.

Sports Lessons

On days where children have their sports lesson, they are expected to come to school wearing their full sports uniform. The days that they will need to wear this are as follows:

Reception: Monday

Year 1: Tuesday

Year 2: Tuesday

Year 3: Monday

Year 4: Monday

Year 5: Wednesday

Year 6: Wednesday

MindUp – Parent Workshop

Many of you will already be aware of the excellent work that is taking place in the classrooms as part of the MindUp programme that we are following. Children are engaging in daily 'Brain Breaks' as well as learning in detail about many of the parts of our brains. On Tuesday 19th September, we will be holding a Parent Workshop at Ark Conway (time TBC) where you will have the chance to meet experts from MindUp and find out more about what you can be doing with your children at home. We would love to see as many of you there as possible so please keep an eye out for more information about the timing of this workshop!

Fundraiser

There will be a curry and bingo night held at the school on the evening of Thursday 21st September. Further details to follow but put the date in your diary!

Reading Volunteers

We would love volunteers to listen to children read in all year groups. Mrs Mabile will follow up with further information shortly but until then if you are able to help, please express your interest at the front office.