



## Head's Message

This half-term has been a productive and successful start to the academic year. Through their class assemblies, Lewis Class and Shakespeare Class have provided a fantastic reminder of just how much learning can be achieved in a matter of weeks with relentless perseverance and aspiration.

A special mention must go to our youngest children in Carroll Class. Their inviting classroom celebrates their achievements this half-term, with much wonderful art work and emerging understanding of sounds and numbers. They have already developed a love of learning, which can be seen clearly in the attached snaps from their recent photoshoot with Ofsted!

Enjoy the half-term break, we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October for our Magical and Spooky Story Day!

## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Potter	99.31%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dahl	97.59%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Austen	97.01%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dickens	96.67%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lewis	95.33%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Shakespeare	93.68%

## Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be:  
**Claude Debussy**



## Stars of the Week

For showing honesty, our stars of the week are:

J'da	Elijah	Louis
Novel	Sophie	Aisha

## Dates for Your Diary

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Magical and Spooky Story Day. Non-uniform, fancy dress optional.

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

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

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

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Please select your preferred time at the front desk during the first week back after half-term.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**—Reception and Y5

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**—Y1 and Y4

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**—Y3

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**—Y2 and Y6

## Website

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

## 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

## Open Mornings

Our open mornings provide a great opportunity to discover more about our Academy and the services we offer. We would like to welcome you at one of our sessions to be held from 10am on the following days:

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

## Home Learning

**Reception:** Keep a diary of your half term events include any activities that you have done and enjoyed with your family.

**Year 1:** After half term, our new topic will be “voyages”! Can you find someone who has been on a voyage (e.g. Neil Armstrong, Christopher Columbus and Captain Scott)?

**Year 2:** How can we reduce the amount of pollution we create?

**Year 3:** Why was the Stone Age called the Stone Age?

**Year 4:** Have a restful half term with plenty of reading time. If you would like an activity, go and check out the ‘red zone’ at the Natural History Museum for more information about our planet before next half term’s project on extreme weather. Thank you for being a wonderful class and good luck with the rest of Year 4, Mrs M :)

**Year 5:** Write a poem about the rainforest using personification. Spelling – homophones

**Year 6:** Write a metaphorical poem, comparing something to an animal. This can be anything you like (a tree, the wind even your brother or sister!) Spelling - homophones

## Uniforms

If you need to order any uniform for your child, please ensure that orders reach us (either via Wisepay or at the office) by: 02/11/17; 23/11/17 and 14/12/17 (the final order this term).

## Secondary School Applications

With the application process well underway, here is a reminder of key dates for the Pan-London Admissions:

Applications must be completed by **31st October 2017**. The easiest way to complete the application process is online at:

[www.lbhf.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The National Offer Day is 8 March 2018.

The deadline to accept or decline offers is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

## Magical and Spooky Story Day – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017, all classes will indulge their imagination and delve into the world of magical and spooky stories during their class story time.

The children may wear non-uniform on this day. Fancy dress is optional but if children choose to dress-up, we would love to see some magical or spooky characters from books. If they have a copy of the book that their character features in, we encourage them to bring it to school to share with their class!

## Welcome

While Mrs Mabile will be greatly missed for the duration of her maternity leave, we are pleased to welcome Rachael Farish to the team. Following a relocation from Edinburgh, where she trained and taught in inner city schools, Miss Farish will take up the role of Year 3/4 Literacy Specialist Teacher from after half-term.

## School Meals

With the exciting addition of our very own school kitchen in the new building, we’re investigating the possibility of preparing and serving our own school meals on site as early

as April 2018. In preparation for this change we will be welcoming views from children and parents to ensure we devise a menu of enticing and healthy lunches. Further details of how you can get involved in this process will be shared next half-term.

In the meanwhile, we are working with Chartwells to review the current provision for school meals. We have been assigned a nutritionist to support us in our mission to ensure the school lunches consistently promote a balanced and healthy diet. There are plans in motion for a 'Taster Session', which will provide the opportunity to understand and ask questions related to how the meals are nutritionally balanced and most importantly taste test the produce!

Further information relating to Chartwells and their philosophy can be found at: <https://loveschoolmeals.co.uk/>

### Pelican Music

In January, we will welcome Pelican Music at Ark Conway. Pelican Music will provide opportunities for high quality music tuition. Further details will be shared following an introductory assembly for the children in November.

### Carroll Class

