



Head's Message

Another busy week has passed. Earlier in the week we had a visitor from Read Write Inc. who was blown away by the high quality phonics lessons that take place at Conway on a daily basis. In particular, we were commended for teaching the programme with 'fidelity, commitment and enthusiasm.'

Donations for the upcoming Christmas Fair, which takes place this Saturday, are overflowing. Thank you to all those who have kindly given their time or resources to ensure the event is a huge success.

Finally to end on an exciting note - there is a spectacular view of the building site from the Specialist Suite stairs. There are diggers on site and clear progress appears to be taking place.

See you at the Christmas Fair on Saturday!

Celebration Assemblies

Friday 16th December – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

Stars of the Week

For showing honesty, our stars of the week are:

		
Hamza	Emma	Maya
		
Antigona	Anna	Hayder

Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be:
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky



Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Lewis Class	98.45%
2 nd	Potter Class	98.11%
3 rd	Austen Class	97.66%
4 th	Dahl Class	97.30%
5 th	Carroll Class	97.10%
6 th	Dickens Class	95.99%

Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: Evergreen trees are sometimes used in celebrations. Find out about some of them.

Year 2: Can you create a book review and explain what you liked about the book and how you would improve it.

Year 3: Teach your parents a fact about the Stone Age. How can you test that they have remembered it?

Year 4 and 5: Go onto the BBC bitesize website to do some preparation for our next Science unit, Geology. Do some research, play the game and create a Sway on what you have learnt, if you'd like to challenge yourself!

Year 4: Spelling – prefix 'auto'.

Year 5: Spelling – silent 't'

Marketplace

Congratulations to Carroll Class who were the winners of the Marketplace challenge, with all proceeds going to Children In Need. They raised a whopping £49.75. Well done to all the classes who did a fantastic job of making and selling their 'goods'.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 7th December – 9.15am – Carrol Class Nativity

Thursday 8th December 9.45am – Open Morning for 2017 Admissions

Thursday 8th December 6 – 7.15pm – Year 4 and 5 Transition Information Evening

Friday 9th December – INSET Day (School CLOSED for pupils)

Friday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th December – Christmas Dinner – menus will be sent home today, along with a text with more information on how to order

Tuesday 20th December – 6pm - Christmas Carols

Wednesday 21st December – School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm

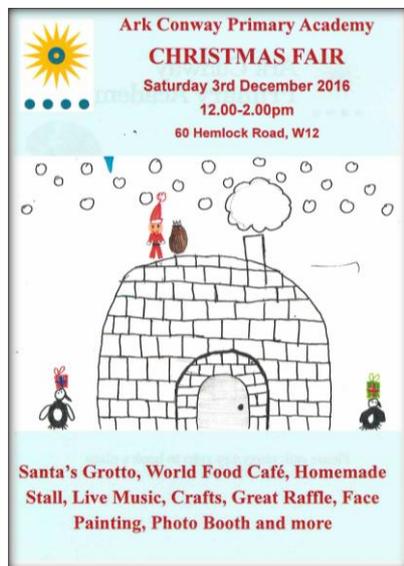
Notices

Christmas Fair

Reminder – it's the Ark Conway Christmas Fair tomorrow, Saturday 3rd December 2016, 12.00 – 2.00pm.

If you have not yet returned your ticket stubs and money, please bring these along on the day and hand to a member of the Parents Forum.

Please do come along and join us!



Website, Facebook and Twitter

Don't forget to check out the school website (www.arkconway.org), our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ARKConway) and Twitter (twitter.com/ARKConway) for regular updates and photos, including the Christmas Fair.

Christmas Tree

You may have noticed that the Christmas tree in the Reception area has been decorated beautifully.

The children were very excited when they saw it this morning. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!



Secondary School Transition Evening

Just a reminder that the Secondary School Transition Information Evening for Year 4 and 5 parents/carers will take place on Thursday 8th December from 6.00pm – 7.15pm in the School Hall. For this event, we have invited representatives from local secondaries to share what their schools have to offer and their admissions policies. This will provide you with an opportunity to gather information from several schools at once. If you wish to attend please let the front office know so that we have an idea of numbers. Thank you.

EYFS News

This week Reception have been hard at work practising for our nativity. Thank you to all parents for the help with learning lines and costumes. As our nativity is a week earlier this year, we have given you far less time to organise costumes so thank you for being so supportive! We hope that having the nativity earlier in the calendar will ensure children are still feeling fresh, and will then allow them time in the last full week of term to enjoy exploring our topic, without having to sit still and rehearse! If you are still struggling to pull together a costume please let me know, as I can contact parents from previous years to help. Ideas for home learning: Please spend the weekend practising the lines from our nativity with your child.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Hyslop and the EYFS Team.