



Ark Conway Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

Head's Message

Welcome back everyone!

Welcome back to the new 2015-16 school year... it's great to see you all; the atmosphere in school has been one of excitement and focus and classrooms are already little hives of activity and are looking great. We're excited about the developments with regards to the new building and I thank you all for being so understanding and supportive whilst this work is being undertaken.

My message today is really one of 'housekeeping'; there is lots of information to pass on and I hope you've been keeping up with all the letters and correspondence!

School gates will open promptly at 8.20am every morning when a member of staff will be there to welcome children. Teachers are ready for the day at this time and Years 3 and 4 are now invited to independently walk into their classrooms and get themselves ready for the school day. Carroll Class, Potter Class and Dahl Class can stay with their parents in the playground until the bell rings at 8.30am. They should then say goodbye to parents and line up with their classmates. Parents should remain in the front-of-school playground and encourage children to walk into classrooms independently or with their teachers. Teachers are available to ask questions at the end of the day as children are dismissed, and appointments can be made for more in depth discussions if needed.

Every academic year has been full of excitement here at Ark Conway, but this year we are feeling particularly passionate about our new Challenge Curriculum. The Challenge Curriculum is unique to Conway and is an innovative and dynamic approach to incorporating life skills, including digital citizenship, into cross-curricular learning. Children will all be learning and performing key texts linked to their topic and a key driving question. A process of multiple drafts, critique and exhibition will ensure high quality dialogue and outcomes which will prepare children for the rapidly changing work and life environments of the 21st century. We will be sharing this approach with you in much more detail later on this term, along with our other key priorities in our continued 'Journey to Excellence'.

Attendance & Punctuality

Our attendance and punctuality figures have always been incredibly good and we intend to keep this up and, indeed, improve on it. It goes without saying; children learn better if they are in school every day, on time, having had a good healthy breakfast. We therefore have certain systems in place to monitor and support.

Children who arrive after 8.30am will need to be signed in by parents and will come through the main front door of the school rather than class doors. Please accompany your child into the foyer and sign the register which will be with myself, Rebecca Carver or Maheshi Navaratne.

🎵 **Composer of the week**

Next week, our composer will be:



Paul McCartney

Home Learning

Look out for Home Learning Journals which will be sent home shortly. Watch this space for exciting ideas to support learning at home!

Celebration Assembly

We warmly invite parents to come and join us on Friday mornings between 8.40am and 9.10am. Please see timetable below for your dates to attend.

11th September: Reception, Year 3 and Year 4

18th September: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

25th September: Year 3 and Year 4

2nd October: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Notices

Breakfast and After School Care

Breakfast club and afterschool care will start on Monday 7th September. Please, sign up at the school office if you need a place for either of the clubs.

P.E Kits

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 need to wear their P.E kit to school every **Monday**, starting 7th September. Pupils in Year 3 and Year 4 should wear their P.E kit to school every **Tuesday**.

On all other days, children need to dress in their full uniform including white collared shirt and tie. Please do ask a member of staff if you are unsure of our uniform policy.

