



Head's Message

It's been lovely to welcome everybody back after the half-term break. Conversations over afternoon tea (accompanied by the essential Jammie Dodgers) were bursting with tales of adventures at home and away. Descriptions of Autumn leaf collections featured particularly highly – clearly lots of glorious Autumn walks and nature trails took place over the break!

At the beginning of this week, teachers dedicated time to further improving the school environment with a focus on maintaining purposeful displays that are interactive, celebrate success and are relevant to the current learning. Please do take the time to explore the wonderful displays, I'm sure the children can provide a tour to show what's on offer.

This week we have also celebrated National School Meals Week – thanks to all those parents that dined with us, I know the children very much enjoyed the experience.

Celebration Assembly today was a definite highlight of the week! Thanks to the children in Year 5 and also Mrs Mabile and Miss Bridges, who shared the terrific Literacy learning that has been occurring in the Specialist Suite. Maybe Conway really is harbouring the next JK Rowling! Have an enjoyable weekend!

Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be:
George Frideric Handel



Celebration Assemblies

Friday 11th November - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

Friday 18th November – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents

Stars of the Week

For showing aspiration, our stars of the week are:

Huda	Kailah	Jazmine
Jack	Martha	Scarlett

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Dahl Class	99.17%
1 st	Dickens Class	99.17%
3 rd	Potter Class	97.08%
4 th	Lewis Class	96.67%
5 th	Austen Class	95.42%
6 th	Carroll Class	93.33%

Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: What is Autumn like?

Year 2: Create a timeline of your own life, with pictures.

Year 3: Apart from humans, what other creatures might have lived in Britain in the Stone Age?

Year 4: We are learning negative prefixes (mis, dis, un and in), please work on these at home for a test next Friday (11th November)

Year 5: We are learning how to spell words with a silent 'b' (e.g. subtle, thumb, climb), please work on these at home for a test next Friday (11th November)

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 9th November – Individual School Photos - Tempest Photographer

Wednesday 9th November – Year 3 trip to the Mosque

w/c Monday 14th November – Global Entrepreneurship Week

Friday 25th November – Yr 2 Assembly

Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Fair

Wednesday 7th December – Nativity

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

Friday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Carols

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

Notices

Staffing

It is with great sadness that we announce that Dina Romano, one of our founding Midday Meal Supervisors has decided to pursue her interests in the arts and will shortly be leaving her role at Ark Conway. We thank Dina for her continued commitment and wish her well. Pleasingly we are already in the final stages of recruiting a new member to join the lunchtime team and will share further news once our recruitment processes are complete.

Children in Need

Friday 18th November 2016 is the annual Children in Need Day. At Ark Conway, children will be taking part and raising money by dressing up in their own colourful **spotty** outfit! Please put your donation (suggested £1) in the zip pocket of your child's bookbag.



Halloween Cake Sale

Thank you to all the parents and carers who made (and bought) the delicious Halloween cakes. The Parents Forum have raised £283.50.

A gentle reminder – if you have any questions or concerns please speak to classteachers or a member of the leadership team as soon as possible.

Year 5 Assembly

For this morning's Assembly, the Year 5 pupils put together very creative presentations in small groups based on their learning last half term for Literacy and Challenge Curriculum. All the children showed themselves to be both independent and able to work as a team, only receiving minimum input from the staff. We are very proud of them!



Shelter Cake Sale

As part of our community and service pathway we are having a cake sale on Friday 11th November at 4pm raising money for Shelter Charity. Can we please ask KS2 parents to bring in any donations of cakes on the day.

EYFS News

The EYFS team have been delighted with how quickly Carroll Class have settled back into the routines of the school day, and how happy they all seemed to be back. We have started to learn our new target text 'The Shopping Basket', and have been writing the shopping lists from the story. Next week we will be inventing our own, and we may even have the chance to go and buy some of our items! In Maths we are exploring number arrangements and bonds within 10. You can support your child at home by helping them develop a variety of strategies for remembering the different ways to make 10 (fingers, counting in their heads, songs, rhymes). Our role play area will continue to be 'Tesco' next week, so please feel free to send your child into school with any clean and dry recycling that we can label and 'sell' in our shop. Ideas for home learning: You could use play-dough to make a fruit or vegetable. You could set up a shop at home and sell some items to your family, you could use cotton buds and paint to make a fruit or vegetable picture using the technique of pointillism which we have been exploring in art. Mrs Hyslop & the EYFS team.