



Head's Message

What can I say... our Year 1 assembly brought tears to our eyes once again today (especially the teachers) and the beautiful song was just what we needed to set us off on a great Friday of learning. The very first full assembly from Year 1 this year was a huge success and the children performed like seasoned professionals; we should all be very proud!

We are looking forward to our Christmas Fair tomorrow and hope to see everyone there. Please bring along friends, family and neighbours. This is a community event and much valued, not only for the extra funds it creates but for the community spirit it evokes. It is so good to get together as a community, out of school hours, and enjoy the lovely building and the ties and relationships we have built. Again, I absolutely cannot thank the Parent Forum and, indeed, everyone who has been involved in any way, for the amount of effort and dedication that goes into these events. I know that it will be a huge success, whatever the weather!

🎵 Composer of the week

Next week our composer will be:

Pyotr Tchaikovsky



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 10th December 6pm: Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 16th December 3pm: Carroll Class Nativity

Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News!

Year 1: Please bring in a Pringles container or something similar.

Year 2: Use your imagination to create a new family that Roald Dahl could write about.

Year 3: Can you draw some 2D shapes with a ruler and tell me their perimeters?

Year 4: Where would you position your castle and why? e.g. on a cliff so I can see my attackers coming.

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1st	Potter	98.33%
2nd	Carroll	98.28%
3rd	Dahl	97.33%
4th	Lewis	95.48%
5th	Dickens	94.00%

Celebration Assembly

11th December: Year 3 and Year 4 parents

18th December: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

Parents' Forum

Christmas Fair

Don't forget our Christmas Fair is **tomorrow, Saturday, 5 December 2015**, from 11.30am - 2.00pm. There will be many attractions including a Santa's Grotto, World Food Cafe, Raffle, Home Made Stall, Live Music and Crafts. Entrance is £1 for Adults and 50p for Concessions. We would be delighted if you could come along and join us.

Notices

Carols by Candlelight

Our annual Carol singing event is on Thursday evening at 6pm. Be there, with your hats, gloves and best singing voices!

Request from Year 2

Can we please ask if Year 2 pupils could bring in twigs and sticks on Monday so they can make their own trees. Thank you.

Christmas Tree

The children and staff are delighted with our magnificent Christmas Tree which stands proudly in the Foyer. Pupils enjoyed helping to decorate the tree on Tuesday. It really feels like Christmas now at Ark Conway Primary.



Christmas Cards

Our Christmas Post Box will be put out in the Foyer area on Monday 7th December 2015. If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their class, they can post them in the Post Box.

End of Term

Please remember that school closes at **1.30pm on Friday 18th December 2015** for all pupils.

There will be **no** After School Clubs on this day.

EYFS News

This week has seen Reception start their challenge project, 'What makes a good gift?'

We have made gifts, designed paper, wrapped them and posted them during our free-flow role plays sessions. The children have been immersed in this imaginary world, and the results have been incredible. We have seen milk bottle Elmer Elephants, wrapping paper with repeating patterns, play-date invitations, poems and performances all emerge as beautiful gifts between members of the class.

Next week we will continue to make and revise our gifts, and deliver them around the school. Thank you to Suki's mum for her generous donation of toys and Duplo - very apt this week!

Apologies to Alex's mum for having to cancel Forest School last Monday. Fingers crossed for better weather next week.

Ideas for home learning: practise writing postcards, and design your own picture for the front. Discuss positional language with your child (in front, behind, below, above), make a home-made gift or research a new junk model design!

Best wishes from Mrs Hyslop and the EYFS team.

Ps. Note on costumes: Please come and see me if you need ideas or help with your child's costume. Narrators should look smart and festive. If possible, please bring your full costumes in by Friday 11th December 2015 to stay at school until the performance.