



## Head's Message

Happy New Year! Welcome back, it's wonderful to see everybody excited to return to school with renewed energy for the busy term that lies ahead. We have much to look forward to this term, including STEM Week, Red Nose Day, World Book Day, class assemblies and much more. All key dates and events will be shared regularly within upcoming newsletters so please do keep checking the 'dates for your diary' section.

In addition to curriculum events, we have many school visits and activities taking place offsite this half term for which we always welcome parental support. If you have previously offered to help or would like to get involved for the first time, please ask at the school reception for further details.

We will be starting the year with a focus on the value of aspiration so that we can set ourselves new challenges for the year ahead and begin to track our progress. I look forward to hearing the children's goals and aspirations for 2017!

## Celebration Assemblies

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 1 class assembly - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 4 Maths Specialist Class Assembly – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents

## 🎵 Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be:

**Henry Purcell**



*Inspire Excellence*

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*

## Home Learning

**Reception:** See EYFS News.

**Year 1:** Find out about Meercats

**Year 2:** Have a look at an underground map and find where four key London landmarks are

**Year 3:** What can you find out about Isambard Kingdom Brunel?

**Year 4:** Find, take or draw a picture that shows me why you think London is cool. Email it to me at [e.mabile@arkconwayprimary.org](mailto:e.mabile@arkconwayprimary.org) or bring it in to school to add to our display.

**Spelling rule:** The prefix 'inter'

**Year 5:** Play on the USA States tutorial to get ahead for next week's lesson. If you feel ready, you could test yourself in 'States 1' underneath [http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web\\_game\\_s.htm](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web_game_s.htm). **Spelling rule:** words ending 'ibly' and 'ably'

## Dates for Your Diary

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January** – Reception trip to the Science Museum

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 2 trip to the London Museum

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January** 9.45am – Open Morning for prospective parents

**w/c 30<sup>th</sup> January** - National Storytelling Week

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** – Safer Internet Day

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – School closes for half term at 4pm

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February** – INSET day – school closed for pupils

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – School re-opens after half term

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book Day

**w/c 13<sup>th</sup> March** – STEM Week

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017** – INSET Day – School closed for pupils

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017** – School closes for Easter at 1.30pm

## Notices

### After School Enrichment Clubs

After School clubs commence on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017. As club numbers are limited, we have tried to ensure that every child is able to attend at least one of their choices. There are still places available for Netball (Years 4 and 5) on Tuesdays and Choir (Years 2, 3 4 & 5) on Thursdays. Please let the front office know as soon as possible if you would like your child to join one of these clubs.

Letters have gone home with your child today informing you of the clubs your child has been allocated. Please pay a deposit of half the cost of the club payments by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to secure your child's place. The remainder will need to be paid before the end of half term.

In order to avoid large bills mounting up, we ask that parents/carers pay for breakfast club and after school care on a weekly basis.

### Medicine in School

We have taken advice from the School Nurse regarding ad hoc medicine in school. If your child is on prescribed antibiotics that only need to be taken 3 times a day, there is no need to bring this into school. The doses should be given before school, after school and before bed. Calpol etc. should not be brought into school unless it is a regularly prescribed medication for a specific condition. If you have any queries please call school and we can arrange for you to speak to the School Nurse.

### Late Arrival

Just a reminder that pupils should arrive at school at 8.20am for a prompt 8.30am start. Please do your best to ensure your child arrives at school every day on time. If your child arrives in school after 8.30am for any reason, please make sure you let the front office know so that they can be marked in the registers correctly. If your child arrives in school after 8.45am you will need to sign the register at the front desk. Thank you for your help in this matter.

### Side Gate

Please note: The side gate entrance to the school will be open from 3.45pm – 4.30pm every evening. After that time, parents and carers will need to use the front entrance of the school.

### EYFS News

We have zoomed into the Spring term with our new topic 'Out of this World' and it is wonderful to have the children back in class. We have been busy making rockets, reading newspaper reports and our first text 'Man on the Moon'. In maths we have been exploring number lines to 20 and looking at one more and one fewer. We have also been solving multi-part word problems by counting aliens on the moon!

Next week we will be writing our newspaper reports based on 'Man on the Moon' and will be exploring the concept of alliteration in more detail.



Ideas for home learning: you could read a newspaper together and discuss this style of written information. You could film a news report and put it on tapestry. You could make a rocket and count the aliens that have climbed on board!

Have a great weekend and Happy New Year from Mrs Hyslop & the EYFS team.

### Reminder:

The area near the main gate becomes highly congested at the end of the day. If you are waiting to collect children from Reception Class please be careful not to block the main gate entrance/exit. Thank you