



## Head's Message



The sun is out and energy levels are high! This is the time of year when we most enjoy school, with many summer outings and events on the horizon. Attendance has been unusually low in recent weeks and we must now all make an extra effort to be healthy and in school until the end of term. This week's attendance figures are a really positive start to achieving this goal!

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who has congratulated me on my new position as Founding Principal of Dixons Trinity Academy Leeds. Your continued support has meant so much to both the school and to me on a personal level and I am excited to enjoy my final 3 months at Ark Conway.

My decision was not an easy one to make, but the pull of going home to friends and family in Yorkshire has recently become so strong that it was time for me to go home! Ark Conway has been such a huge part of my life in recent years that I will miss it dearly.

Rest assured that Ark Conway will continue its story of success and the transition to a new Head of School will be seamless.

## Dates for Your Diary

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May** - Tempest whole class photographs

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – School closes at 4pm for half term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – School re-opens at 8.30am after half term

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – School closes at 1.30pm for summer holidays

## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1st	Potter	100.00%
1st	Dahl	100.00%
3rd	Lewis	98.79%
4th	Dickens	98.33%
5th	Carroll	97.41%

Well done to Potter class and Dahl class who have both achieved 100% attendance this week. Keep up the good work everyone!

## Celebration Assemblies

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 3 and Year 4 parents (Year 3 class assembly)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 3 and Year 4 parents  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents (Year 2 class assembly)

## Stars of the Week

For showing aspiration, our stars of the week are:



Frederick Reo Clemmie Tarka Yassin



Alisa Stella Ariana Joseph Leyla

## Composer of the Week

Next week our composer will be:

**Claude Debussy**



## Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: Write a list of the junk you will need to model your vehicle of the future.

Year 2: Choose two books to read. Before you read them, predict everything that could happen.

Year 3: What can we do to help people who live in other countries?

Year 4: What is the theme of your favourite film? Can you draw a picture/take a picture to show this theme?

## Notices

### Year 4 Science

Year 4 have been exploring human and animal skeletons this week by looking at models and x-rays.



### Carroll Class Trip to Pizza Express

The Reception pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to Pizza Express in Westfield on Tuesday. They were very excited to make their own pizzas. They kneaded the dough, spread on the tomato sauce and then sprinkled the cheese on top.



### Whole Class Photographs

The Tempest Photographer will be in school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to take whole class photographs. Please ensure your child comes to school looking smart in their full school uniform.

### Buildings Update

A letter will be sent home next Friday to provide an update on the buildings work at Ark Conway.

## EYFS News

This week we had the amazing opportunity to attend a workshop at Pizza Express. We made our own tasty, healthy pizzas, and ate them in the sunshine. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered for the trip, and to Sophie's Dad, Nia's mum and Charlie's mum for accompanying us on the day.

It was also time to release the beautiful Monarch butterflies that we have been caring for this term. Carroll Class loved holding them and waving goodbye. They have even enjoyed watching a few return to our nature garden!

During Literacy we also had a special visit from the 'Giant', who was very sad to have had both his golden harp and hen stolen. We promised to write him some apology letters by the end of the week. Carroll class have been working hard on their writing presentation in order to read the Giant their letters.

Next week we will be studying The Odd Egg, and our next visitors (chicks!) will be arriving.

Ideas for home learning: You could make green spaghetti and chop it up like a beanstalk; you could discuss the life cycle of an egg and make a diagram; you could make a papier-mâché, or split pin egg and put a surprise baby animal inside; you could practise grouping and sharing with fruit, eggs or beans!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hyslop & the EYFS team