



## Head's Message

Welcome back everyone! All children and staff have got off to a flying start this half term. We started with two extremely productive staff INSET days. It was wonderful to hear teaching staff sharing the Research and Reflection that they have been conducting in their classrooms; ranging from encouraging children to assess their own handwriting to researching the most effective strategies for teaching children to read.

Children have also leapt straight into learning, particularly in their Challenge Curriculum lessons; embarking on answering questions such as: 'What would happen if the leaves didn't go away in Winter?' and 'What makes Roald Dahl, Roald Dahl?'.

## Home Learning

**Reception:** See EYFS News!

**Year 1:** Find out about Bonfire Night.

**Year 2:** What made Fantastic Mr Fox fantastic?

**Year 3:** Can you tell me three facts about the story of Ulysses?

**Year 4:** Look up words from 'Outlaw' that you didn't understand and read the passage to your parents.

## Composer of the week

Next week our composer will be:

**Ivor Novello**



## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1st	Dickens	100
2nd	Carroll	99.43
3rd	Dahl	97.78
4th	Potter	97.75
5th	Lewis	96.77

## Notices

### School times

#### Dropping children off:

School gates open at 8.20am. School begins at 8.30am. If we have rainy mornings over the winter months, children will be able to come into classrooms through their classroom doors (not the main foyer area) and sit quietly with a book from 8.20 onwards.

Due to teachers potentially being in other parts of the school preparing for the day, we cannot allow children into the classrooms before this time as they may be unaccompanied. We therefore ask that you **arrive at school between the hours of 8.20am and 8.30am.**

If you are dropping your child off at Breakfast Club please accompany them into the foyer to ensure that Mr Fara is aware that your child is in school.

#### Collecting children:

To ensure efficiency at the end of the day, please arrive by 3:55pm to collect your child. Any children not collected by 4:05pm will be taken to the main foyer for late collection.

## Dates for Your Diary

*Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November:* Reception Parents Meetings.

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November:* Children in Need, students can dress as their favourite hero or in their spottiest outfit for charity.

*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:* Y1 Parents Evening.

*Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November:* Y2 Parents Evening.

*Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November:* Y3 Parents Evening.

*Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November:* Y4 Parents Evening.

*Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November:* Year 3 Assembly Performance

*Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December:* Year 1 Assembly Performance

## Celebration Assembly:

13<sup>th</sup> November: Year 3 and Year 4 parents

20<sup>th</sup> November: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

27<sup>th</sup> November: Year 3 and Year 4 parents

4<sup>th</sup> December: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

11<sup>th</sup> December: Year 3 and Year 4 parents

18<sup>th</sup> December: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

## Children in Need:

Next Friday is the annual Children in Need Day. At Ark Conway, children will be taking part and raising money by dressing up as their favourite hero or in a spotty outfit! Please put your donation (suggested £1) in the zip pocket of your child's bookbag.



As another way of raising money for charity, a group of teachers will be taking part in a special challenge at 4:00pm next Friday. Children (and parents) will have the opportunity to play 'SPLAT the teacher'! For £1, children can throw a wet sponge at the face of their chosen teacher!

If any parent has a frame for teachers to put their heads through, please do let Maheshi or Lorna know at the front desk.



## EYFS News

We have had a wonderful start to Autumn 2, discussing our new topic 'Out and About', and learning our first target text based on John Burlingham's 'The Shopping Basket'. In Art, we learnt about pointillism and made pictures of our fruit using pointillist techniques. In maths we are practising recognising and writing our numbers 0-10, and understanding the value of these numbers using items from our shopping basket. Thank you to Ramzi and his family for taking great care of our mascot 'Cheshire' whilst out and about, and adding such wonderful information to his scrap book. Thank you also to all the parents who attended our Tapestry workshop. I look forward to reading your first observations! Next week we will be continuing to recognise our numbers 0-10 and deepening children's understanding by asking them to invent stories involving these numbers. We will be continuing to write our shopping lists.

Ideas for home learning: You could help your child spot numbers 0-10 in their everyday environment. You could practise sounding out and writing the words 'eggs', 'apples', 'oranges' and 'bananas'. You could try a pointillist painting using cotton buds!

