



## Head's Message

We have had a positive and enthusiastic start to the academic year. On Wednesday morning, it was great to see so many familiar and new faces beaming with excitement and a readiness for learning.

The children in Reception Class had a super first day at Ark Conway. Many members of the staff team were particularly impressed by how the children settled confidently into the lunchtime routine, enjoying a tasty meal before play. The children in Potter Class modelled our lunchtime expectations with efficiency and confidence.

Our older year groups have demonstrated high levels of maturity as they bravely started the academic year in their new tutor groups. They have been suitably impressed with the new facilities offered in the Specialist Suite and do not even seem to mind walking up and down the stairs!

Next week, we look forward to our first assemblies for the academic year, starting with our whole school Values Assembly on Tuesday, followed by our KS2 Celebration Assembly on Friday, which parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.

## Dates for Your Diary

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September** – INSET Day – School CLOSED for pupils.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – School closes for half term at 4pm

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – School re-opens after half term

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – INSET Day (School CLOSED for pupils)

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm

## Celebration Assemblies

We warmly invite parents to come and join us on Friday mornings between 8.40am and 9.10am. Please see timetable below for your dates to attend.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

## 🎵 Composer of the Week

Next week our composer will be:  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



## School Uniform

Can we please remind you that full school uniform must be worn at all times, except for the days your child has P.E. Jogging bottoms and trainers should only be worn on P.E. days. If you are unsure about the uniform policy please see the school website or ask at the School Office.



## Notices

### Year 5 Trip to Parliament

The Year 5 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Parliament yesterday. They listened to the debate on Grammar Schools led by Justine Greening, Education Secretary, and had a tour of the House of Commons. They then debated the serious issue of overpriced housing in London and across England. The speaker chose people to share their views on the issue and then took a vote. The majority agreed for cheaper housing! Thank you to Joseph and Martha's dad, Ed Vaizey, for helping us to arrange this wonderful trip.



### Webiste, Facebook and Twitter

Don't forget to check out the school website ([www.arkconway.org](http://www.arkconway.org)), our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ARKConway](http://www.facebook.com/ARKConway)) and Twitter ([twitter.com/ARKConway](https://twitter.com/ARKConway)) for regular updates.

## EYFS News



Reception pupils have had a wonderful first week, discussing our school values through our texts 'Rainbow Fish' and 'Paper Dolls'. We have also been establishing routines and learning our class rules. Next week, we will be discussing our topic 'All About Me' in more detail. This topic will enable us to get to know each other and think about our similarities and differences. In Maths we will be creating repeating patterns of shape and colour. In Literacy we will be learning 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. Please take note of the Proud Book in your Child's book bag. The idea is that they should complete one page of home learning to stick in their proud book each week.

This weekend for home learning your child could do one of the following: paint or draw a tiger and try to label it. They could have a tea party with a toy and draw what they would like to eat. They could spot shapes in the environment and see if they can make any repeating patterns. They could draw a repeating pattern and stick it in their Proud Book. Please put the Proud Books back in their book bag on Monday morning, ready to discuss throughout the week.

Thank you to Sophia's Grandma for coming in to plant some beautiful flowers in the Reception garden.

Have a restful weekend!  
Mrs Hyslop and the EYFS team.