



## Head's Message

We launched this week with a fantastic exhibition presented by Carroll Class - there were rockets, star constellations, out of this world stories and a even a space rap! It was delightful to have so many parents/carers for the children to share their knowledge and understanding with. I know Mrs Hyslop and the EYFS team are incredibly proud of the children's ability to speak confidently about their learning.

Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday, which provided a starting point for discussion and learning around how the children can have fun and safe experiences online. If you haven't already, please do check out the Parent Zone website (<http://parentzone.org.uk/>), which has further guidance regarding online safety.

Ms Benjamin will start her maternity leave shortly, we wish her well and hope that she can find space at home for the bundles of artwork the children have congratulated her with!

Just like Dickens Class, who are no doubt exhausted from their sponsored walk around the London landmarks, I am sure many are looking forward to rest and relaxation over the break. Have a lovely holiday, we shall see you back in school on **Tuesday 21st February**.

## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Austen Class	100.00%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Potter Class	97.33%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lewis Class	96.67%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dahl Class	96.00%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dickens Class	96.00%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Carroll Class	91.33%

## Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be:  
**Ludwig van Beethoven**



## Celebration Assemblies

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents

## Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: Read, read, read

Year 2: What makes Africa?

Year 3: Where in the world are volcanos? Is there a pattern?

Year 4: Can you create a 'telling time' word problem for the rest of the class to solve? Also, what can you find out about the Romans for your next Challenge Curriculum project?

Year 5: Can you create a fractions word problem for the rest of the class to solve? Also, what can you find out about the Anglo-Saxons for your next Challenge Curriculum project?

## Stars of the Week

For showing happiness, our stars of the week are:

Zaia	Ollie	Joe W.
Aniyah	Alyssa	Haajarah

## Parent Teacher Consultations

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – Reception/Year 1  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – Year 2/Year 3  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 4  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Year 5

## Dates for Your Diary

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February** – INSET day  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – School re-opens  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** 6 - 7pm –  
Secondary Transition Evening for Year 4 and  
Year 5 parents.  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 9.15am** – Phonics  
Workshop for Reception parents  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book Day  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Parents Forum  
Meeting  
**w/c 13<sup>th</sup> March** – STEM Week  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017** – INSET Day  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day/School  
Disco(4-5.30pm)  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017** – School closes for  
Easter at 1.30pm

## Notices

### Sing Into Spring

Yesterday pupils from the Choir Club attended an inspiring day of workshops, rehearsals and masterclasses which were designed to develop pupils' vocal skills as they performed a wide range of music with singers from other Ark Schools. Well done to all who took part.



### Friendly Football Match

We have secured a friendly football match for Year 4 and Year 5 against St. Stephens CE Primary School on 9th March at 2pm. Venue and team selection to be confirmed nearer the time, however if you are able to support with walking the children safely to/from the match, please sign up at the front desk.

### American Movie Night

On behalf of all the children in Year 5, we would like to say a huge thank you to the Parent Class Reps who were involved in creating the American themed 'Movie Night' yesterday. The children all looked fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed the special treat, linked to all of the learning they have been doing in their Challenge Curriculum lessons. Thank you!



**Thank you** .... to Sophia's family (in Reception) for donating a beautiful Science encyclopedia to school.

## Year 4 Trip to the London Eye

As part of their Challenge Project, Dickens Class have been learning about what makes London such a cool place to live. In order to inspire and engage the children in learning about London and to offer them a reward for all their hard work, we went on a very special trip to The London Eye on Wednesday. We looked over all of London's famous buildings from the sky, as well as experiencing a 4D video of London. We also visited some of London's famous landmarks by foot by carrying out a sponsored walk to raise funds for this school trip. A huge thank you to all the children and parents who have helped to raise **£214** so far!



## EYFS News

This week, Reception hosted their very first exhibition, and what a success it was. Thank you so much to all the Carroll Class parents for their tremendous support throughout this half term; the home learning area has been 'Out of this World!'. The support you have given your children has inspired teachers and pupils around the school. We have also been exploring the concept of loneliness through the story of 'Beegu' and children have been thinking of ways to help her make friends on planet Earth. Carroll class have made their own playdough aliens to keep Beegu company, and have written posters to help her find her family. Next half term our topic will be 'Animals' and the classroom will literally be coming alive with the arrival of our ducklings! We will be focussing on riddles about farmyard animals for the first two weeks, alongside the book 'The Farmyard Hullabaloo'. This half term you could record a riddle and put it on tapestry, make an animal mask or model for our home learning corner. You could produce some animal art for our next gallery or you could practise writing and spelling different farmyard animals. Finally, everyone in the EYFS team would like to wish Miss Benjamin the best of luck over the coming months, and the safe arrival of her baby. She has been a tremendous support for Carroll Class this year, and the children and staff will miss her over the next few terms. We are excited that, as part of our Summer topic 'Growth', we might get to meet a real-life baby!

Have a great half term. Mrs Hyslop and the EYFS team