



Head's Message

Welcome back to everyone after the holidays and **Happy New Year!** I hope you all had a wonderful time and it has been great to see children raring to go this week. I am also very pleased to say that punctuality levels have greatly improved since last half term and this is having a very positive impact on the start of the school day for all classes. Thank you to parents and children for working hard to be on time every day.



In today's assembly we spoke about one of our goals for 2019 is to be the best version of ourselves. One way that we will be doing this is to think of how we can share kindness with others through our actions and words. As the teacher, Jackie Mutcherson once said:

"It takes each of us to make a difference for all of us"

I am really looking forward to 2019 and seeing what the Ark Conway community can achieve together this year.

Have a brilliant weekend.
Mrs Ross-Wood

Composer of the Term

Our composer this half term will be:

Antoni Vivaldi



Stars of the Week

For showing aspiration our stars of the week are:

		
Oscar	Arshan	Novel
		
Clementine	Sanaa	Lavinia

Celebration Assemblies

Please join us at 8:35am for our celebration assemblies on the following dates:

Friday 18th January - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 parents

Friday 25th January – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents – Year 2 music performance

Friday 1st February - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents – Year 6 music performance

Friday 8th February – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

Friday 15th February - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents – Year 4 music performance

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Shakespeare	97.62%
2 nd	Austen	96.19%
3 rd	Lewis	95.92%
4 th	Dahl	95.76%
5 th	Potter	92.86%
6 th	Carroll	91.53%
7 th	Dickens	97.08%

Parent Workshops

Following the success of the parent workshops last term, we have additional parent workshops on offer next half term. These will take place after Celebration Assemblies on Friday at 9:15am.

Friday 18th January – Cyber Safety

Friday 1st February – Key Stage 2 Handwriting

Friday 8th February – Reception and Key Stage 1 Handwriting

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 14th January – Year 3 trip to the British Museum

Friday 18th January – Year 6 visit Ark Bentworth to see 'Wasted' performance

Friday 18th January – Year 3 Tate Project Photograph

Thursday 24th January – Year 5 and Year 6 'Just Enough' safety workshop

Thursday 24th January – Reception and Year 6 school nurse visit

Tuesday 5th February – Safer Internet Day – Perform Drama Workshops

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February - Half term holiday

Monday 25th February – Inset Day

Tuesday 26th February – Children return to school – 8:30am

Home Learning

Reception: Find out 3 facts about your favourite planet and present these in your Proud Book so that they are ready to share.

Year 1: Where are the hottest places on Earth and what is life like for the people that live there?

Year 2: How do you use water at home?

Year 3: Have you opened your discovery box? Complete an activity ready to show your classmates on Friday!

Year 4: Write a poem about London using some of our current skills from literacy.

Year 5: Create a fact sheet of things you already know about WW2. Write a list of questions that you would like to know the answer to.

Year 6: Research your lineage and draw your own family tree. How far back can you go?

Notices

Year 1 P.E. kits

For this term only, please could all Year 1 pupils wear their P.E. kit **only on Wednesdays** (for swimming). On every other day of the week, please could pupils come in their normal school uniform. Thank you in advance.

Parent Readers

We are looking for parent volunteers to support with children's reading. If you are available any afternoon a week, whether this is every week or every fortnight, and would like to spend an hour or so hearing children read, please do let Miss Bridges (Year 5/6 teacher) know or alternatively, your child's class teacher. This is always a great opportunity for children to build their confidence by reading to others so we will be very grateful of any help you could offer. Thank you!



Meet the Team

Name: Polly Phaal

Role: Year 5 and Year 6 Co-teacher

What is your favourite book? Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. I am a massive Harry Potter fan and this one is my absolute favourite!

What was your favourite subject at school? Art and design! I am very creative and always enjoyed art lessons at school (and I enjoy teaching them now!)

When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? A vet because I thought it meant that I could play with puppies all day.

Can you tell us something we may not know about you? I am a Guinness World Record holder – come and ask me about it!



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Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility
Our safeguarding policy can be found in the school office