



# Ark Conway Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER

### Head's Message

#### Wow!

What an amazing start to the year! Children have settled in really well and learning is taking place at an incredible rate. Teachers and co-teachers have been working around the clock this week and I would like to express how impressed I am at the whole school community's commitment to excellence and achievement.

Our first Celebration Assembly was well attended by Reception parents along with Year 3 and Year 4 parents. Thank you to the Parent Forum for providing us with tea, coffee and cakes afterwards; it's so great to see the community coming together. Thank you also, once again, to the Parent Band; another wonderful way of bringing the Conway community together and sharing our school value of happiness.

Well done to staff and children, both, on a fantastically positive first full week! I'm sure that new children *and* new staff will both need a good rest this weekend!

### Attendance

This week, the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dickens class	100.00%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lewis class	98.79%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Potter class	97.50%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Carroll class	96.12%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dahl class	95.83%

### Stars of the Week

For showing happiness, our stars of the week are:



Rufta

Oliver

Sam

Ayman



Reggie

Imaan

Frankie

Rufaro



Gloria

Isaac

### Composer of the week

Next week, our composer will be:



Paul McCartney

## Notices

### **Start of Day**

School gates open at 8.20am and Years 3 and 4 are now enjoying walking into their classrooms and starting their learning independently. At 8.30am Carroll Class, Potter Class and Dahl Class should say goodbye to parents and line up with their classmates. To encourage a prompt and seamless start of day, could we please ask **parents to remain in the front-of-school playground and encourage children to walk into classrooms independently or with their teachers.**

### **Appointments with teachers**

Teachers are available to answer questions at the end of the day as children are dismissed. However, due to other commitments, training sessions and meetings, longer discussions should be booked ahead of time. Please book with your class teacher or ask at reception in the foyer

### **Speech & Language Workshop**

Our speech and language therapist will be with us next Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, and will be delivering a workshop to support new parents. This is particularly aimed at parents of Reception Class children, but all are welcome. It will follow on from the assembly and will begin around 9am.

### **School nurse**

Our school nurse will also be available next Friday morning, and parents are welcome to come and meet her after assembly. She will be able to answer any questions you may have regarding your child's health, and point you in the right direction for further information.

### **Celebration Assembly**

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.

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

25<sup>th</sup> September: Year 3 and Year 4

2<sup>nd</sup> October: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

### **Home Learning**

Home Learning Journals will be sent home next week and the weekly newsletter will outline the focus for this learning. We have a very specific approach to home learning here at Conway based on research which shows that 'worksheets' sent home have no positive impact on progress. Our brochure outlining this is being sent to all new parents and is available in our foyer to read if you wish.

### **P.E Kits**

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 need to wear their P.E kit to school every **Monday**, starting 7<sup>th</sup> September. Pupils in Year 3 and Year 4 should wear their P.E kit to school every **Tuesday**. On all other days, children need to dress in their full uniform including white collared shirt and tie. Please do ask a member of staff if you are unsure of our uniform policy.