



# Ark Conway Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER

### Headteacher's Message

#### Thank you Mr Toop

James Toop; our founding Chair of Governors is leaving Ark Conway at the end of this term.

In assembly this morning, we said a fond farewell to James and presented him with a book of dreams for all the years he has been at the school. These books contain the dreams and aspirations of all the children he has had a direct impact upon as Chair.

On a personal level, I would like to add a huge and sincere thank you!

Without the guidance and leadership of James, Ark Conway would not be the school it is today.

In the interim period as we seek to appoint a new Chair, I am delighted to welcome Michael Clark to the Governing body as Interim Chair; Michael Clark is Director of Programmes at Ark and is an experienced Chair of Governors having also chaired at Bolingbroke Academy in South London.

#### Record Breaking Christmas Fair

A huge congratulations and thank you is owed to the Ark Conway parent forum who raised a staggering £3000+ at the Christmas fair on Saturday. The hard work and preparation that goes into these events is incredible and I am proud and delighted that this year's event has topped all previous. Well done!

### Stars of the Week

The value of the week has been 'Happiness'. Well done to all our Stars of the Week.



Ayman



Zaia



Stanley



Kailah



Zora



Eva



Lexie



Scarlett

### Attendance

The leader board this week is:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Potter class	96.3%
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Lewis class	96.3%
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Carroll class	94.4%
4 <sup>th</sup> place	Dahl class	92.3%

There has been quite a bit of sickness this week and so we wish all those who are unwell a restful weekend and a speedy recovery so that they can enjoy the last week of term.

### Notices

#### WisePay spring menu

The spring term lunch menu is now on WisePay for you to order your child's lunches. Please be aware that you must order lunches for 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> January by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Clubs**

Don't forget that club booking forms for spring term must be returned to school by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December! Also, all clubs finished this week (with the exception of Wednesday afternoon Piano lessons).

### **Links**

For a list of books you could read at home:

<http://www.ruthmiskintraining.com/teacher-support/tag-44/index.html>

For tips on how to read with your child at home:

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/storytime-home/>

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/parent-tutorial-2-storytime-home/>

### **Next week**

#### **Monday**

Aurora orchestra will be treating the pupils to a day of workshops and performances as a special end of term treat.

#### **Tuesday**

Our annual 'Carols by Candlelight' is taking place at 6pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We really hope you can all join us for a sing-a-long and some mince pies.

#### **Wednesday**

Potter class will be visiting the Museum of Childhood for the day – please remember to bring a packed lunch! Reception class will be performing their Nativity play at 3pm. All Carroll class parents are invited to come along to watch.

#### **Thursday**

All children and staff will be sharing Christmas lunch together on Thursday.

### **Friday**

Year 1 will be performing a special class assembly in celebration assembly and Carroll class will receive their brand new Book of Dreams each. The school day finishes at 1:30pm.

### **Dahl class visit the London Aquarium**

