



Head's Message

We've been enjoying listening to Debussy all week in school and have been enjoying our value of the week; happiness, in everything we do. We were truly inspired by the Year 3 assembly today; it really did demonstrate just how much fun and hard work the children have in class every day of the year.

Today, we have announced which children have been chosen to be part of the Ark Music Gala. This has been an incredibly difficult decision to make as there was an overwhelming amount of high quality and passionate applications. As well as the calibre of application, we have taken into account a number of things; we have looked for children who have displayed real commitment; whether it be through exemplary attendance and punctuality, through commitment to the school choir or through drive and commitment in their day-to-day school work. We would like everyone to be able to attend, but some children have stood out as members of our community who would particularly benefit from this opportunity and who display a real passion for singing and for music. I hope that, for those of you who do not get the response you desire, you will show perseverance and aspiration to be chosen in the future, perhaps for another exciting event or competition. We will also need ongoing help with decisions around costumes, make-up and set design and hope that you will be able to help with this.

I wish everyone a fantastic weekend. Enjoy, and I will see you all on Monday!

Composer of the Week

Next week our composer will be:
Claude Debussy



Inspire Excellence

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 18th May - Tempest whole class photographs

Friday 27th May – School closes at 4pm for half term

Monday 6th June – School re-opens at 8.30am after half term

Wednesday 20th July – School closes at 1.30pm for summer holidays

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1st	Carroll Class	99.33%
2nd	Dahl Class	99.00%
3rd	Potter Class	97.00%
4th	Dickens Class	96.67%
5th	Lewis Class	95.16%

Celebration Assemblies

Friday 20th May - Year 3 and Year 4 parents

Friday 27th May – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents (Year 2 class assembly)

Stars of the Week

For showing happiness, our stars of the week are:



Suki



Rufta



Emilia



Arthur



Jessica



Lily



Robel



Ciara



Maisie



Joe



Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: Find out about a vehicle that can fly.

Year 2: List four things for and against the Parliament/Queen.

Year 3: What is your question for our local Councillor?

Year 4: Brainstorm ideas for our fundraising event.

Notices

Jewellery and Sunglasses

We have noticed recently that children have been coming to school wearing sunglasses and jewellery.

Although, as the sun comes out we realise that there is a reason to wear sunglasses, due to possibility of accidents happening and sunglasses getting broken, we ask that you provide a sunhat for your child instead.

Also, for reasons of health and safety, we ask that jewellery is limited to one wristwatch. If a child is wearing more jewellery than this they will be asked to remove it and it will be returned at the end of the school day. The school cannot accept liability for the loss of jewellery.

Whole Class Photographs

Just a reminder that the Tempest Photographer will be in school on Wednesday 18th May 2016 to take whole class photographs. Please ensure your child comes to school looking smart in their full school uniform.

Buildings Update

A letter was sent home with your child today giving an update on the buildings work at Ark Conway.

School Disco

The Parents Forum have kindly organised a School Disco next Friday, 20th May 2016 from 4.00 – 5.30pm in the school hall. More information will be with you next week.

Important Announcement

Due to building work taking place during the week commencing Monday 23rd May 2016, we apologise that the side gate entrance to Ark Conway will be out of use on the Monday and Tuesday of that week. There will be **no access to the bike/scooter area** on those days.

EYFS News

This week has been hugely eggs-citing! All of our chicks hatched out of their shells on Wednesday morning and we've spent the week taking care of them, writing some scientific observations, and even taking turns to hold them. If you'd like to keep track of our chicks' progress, Carroll Class now have a blog which you can access at:

<https://kidblog.org/class/carroll-class>. Some of the posts are written by Mr. Rodwell, and some are written by Carroll Class, and we'd love it if you could read them together and leave comments! We'll reply to any comments we receive next week.

Thanks again to Rahaf and Kalthum's mum for volunteering to help with swimming on Monday. If you'd like to sign up for next week, please let the office know or use the sign-up sheet at the front desk.

Next week we'll be continuing with the 'The Odd Egg' in Literacy and starting a new topic in Maths – money.

Ideas for home learning: go bird-watching in the garden or in the woods and record what you see; visit the blog and leave a comment together; work out which coins you might need to buy different treats!

