



# ARK Conway Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER

### Headteacher's Message

#### Welcome to ARK Conway Primary Academy

Welcome to all families, old and new. We're looking ahead to what will be our most exciting term so far!!!

It has been a real joy to see so many smiling faces at the gate, in the classroom, playground and in assembly this morning.

The Reception children have settled in really well; they are making new friends and learning the rules and routines of ARK Conway.

Children in Years 1, 2 and 3 have shown a great deal of friendship and warmth in welcoming our new class to our school community.

#### An Award Winning Start to 2014

Last Tuesday ARK Conway and ARK Bentworth were invited to an award ceremony at Warwick University hosted by the Association for Learning Technology. We were awarded 'joint runners up' for **Learning Technologist of the Year**. This national award was received for the innovative eTargets for writing programme we have started to develop across our schools.



Whilst the eTargets programme is still relatively new it will be further developed in 2014/15 and we will be running parent workshops on the programme later this term.

#### Good Luck Miss Bakali!

Earlier this week I wrote to parents with the news that Miss Bakali is leaving ARK Conway today; we would like to once again wish her all the best for her new exciting job and thank her for all of her hard work, commitment and passion.

She will be missed.

#### Stars of the Week

For being so happy, our stars this week are:



#### Attendance

Every week we will calculate each class' attendance to see who tops the leaderboard...

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Reception	99.3%
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Year 3	98.5%
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Year 1:	97.4%
4 <sup>th</sup> place	Year 2:	95.7%

## Notices

### **Scooter park**

As the school grows and we have more children scooting or cycling to school, we ask that you store your child's scooter or bike neatly in the scooter park at the back of school. Please be reminded that this space is only available for children and staff of ARK Conway.

### **Spellings**

Year 1, 2 and 3 pupils will receive a list of spellings at the end of each week. Please take some time practising them with your child so that they are prepared to be tested on the spellings at the end of the following week.

### **Sickness**

If your child is too unwell to come to school, you must call the school on 020 3249 1180 between 8 – 8:30am for each day that your child is unwell. So that we can prevent the spread of sickness, your child must only return to school 24 hours after the last bout of sickness. Please let us know if you have any questions.

### **Parent Forum**

We welcome and encourage all our new parents to join the Parent Forum. If you would like to join the Parent Forum emailing list or have any questions about the Forum please contact Alex Vaizey (Joseph, Year 3 and Martha, Year 2) at [alexvaizey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alexvaizey@hotmail.co.uk), on 07552 787871 or in the playground.

## Dates for your Diary

### **School Photos**

We love school photo day at ARK Conway so please make a note that this year, the school photos will be on:

- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September: Class photos
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Individual photos

Please ensure your child is dressed smartly in full school uniform and as the photos will be taken immediately after morning register, lateness may result in your child missing his/her photo.

Order forms will be sent home shortly after the photo days.

### **Afterschool Clubs**

Please be reminded that Afterschool clubs including Piano lessons will start the week commencing Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Booking forms will be with you shortly! In the meantime, Afterschool care is running as normal.

### **INSET Day**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October is an INSET day and school will be closed to all pupils.

### **Celebration Assembly**

Next week, Year 2 and Year 3 parents are invited to join us for Friday's celebration assembly.

