



# Ark Conway Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER

### Head's Message

#### WELCOME BACK & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We've had a great start to 2015 in school, and children have settled back into their classrooms as if they've never been away! Our new staff members: Lois Osborne, Maheshi Navaratne and Daniela Grasso are now firm members of the Conway Team and are quickly getting to know every individual child, and we're looking forward to another fantastic, record-breaking year.

We have already been mentioned in an article in The Independent written by Nick Gibb, the Schools Minister, for our unbeatable record in phonics. See

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/schools/schools-minister-nick-gibb-sets-out-his-timetable-for-educational-reform-in-2015-9963751.html?origin=internalSearch> if you would like to read this (We are mentioned towards the end).

Thank you to everyone who has passed on their congratulations for the new staffing structure... we are very excited about this term and, with the increased leadership capacity, foresee even stronger teaching and learning and *even more* exciting lessons!

I would like to remind parents with siblings applying for September 2015 that the deadline for applications is **THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JAN.** We look forward to your applications.

Justine Oldham

### Attendance

This week, the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Potter class	98.6%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dahl class	97.7%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carroll class	97.6%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Lewis class	95.7%

### Notices

#### Reception class Forest School

Carroll Class will be doing Forest School on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January. The children should come to school dressed in their normal school uniform. Please pack their P.E. kit and wellies in a bag for them to change into. We are also looking for two parent volunteers to assist with supervision. Please see Miss Wylie if you are available and would like to help.

#### Potter class swimming

Year 1, please remember to bring your swim kit to school on Monday for your first swimming lesson of the year. You will need a towel, swimwear and a swimming hat if you have long hair. Thank you.

#### Lewis class photos

If you would like to purchase the new Lewis class photos, please return the form to the school office by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Please return any unused forms too in case others need them.

#### Afterschool clubs

Enrichment clubs start next week, along with Piano lessons. Please note that Performing Arts will not start on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, but will begin on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January instead. This has already been

included in the pricing. Please speak to a member of staff if you are unsure of the details of your child's club. Children must be collected promptly at 5pm.

Please ensure you have paid half of the termly fee at the school office or on WisePay.

### **Miss Oldham's Parent Clinic**

If you wish to make an appointment to meet with Miss Oldham, you can book a place at the school office. Miss Oldham is available on:

- Tuesday mornings at 8:30am
- Friday mornings after assembly

### **Celebration Assembly**

Parents are warmly invited to come along to celebration assembly on Friday mornings on the following dates:

- 16<sup>th</sup> Jan: Reception and Year 3 parents
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan: Year 1 and Year 2 parents
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jan: Reception and Year 3 parents
- 6<sup>th</sup> Feb: Year 1 and Year 2 parents
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb: INSET day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Feb: Half term
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb: Reception and Year 3 parents

