



## Head's Message

### Welcome back!

We have returned after the Easter break to lovely weather and a great new playground. We have also received very positive information about building developments. I hope you all saw the letter that was sent home on Tuesday.

This week and next, our value is Honesty and in assembly this morning we were amazed to see how quickly children could spot Teachers' lies in the game: 'two truths, one lie'!

## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

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|-----|---------|---------|
| 1st | Potter  | 100.00% |
| 2nd | Dickens | 98.80%  |
| 3rd | Carroll | 95.56%  |
| 4th | Dahl    | 94.44%  |
| 5th | Lewis   | 93.33%  |

## Dates for Your Diary

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – Bank Holiday – school closed

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – School closes at 4pm for half term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – School re-opens at 8.30am after half term

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – School closes at 2.30pm for summer holidays

## Celebration Assemblies

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 3 and Year 4 parents

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 3 and Year 4 parents

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May** - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 3 and Year 4 parents

*Inspire Excellence*

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*

## Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: What can you find out about wheels?

Year 2: What role does the Parliament play in society?

Year 3: How can we stay safe online?

Year 4: How many symmetrical logos or symbols can you find? (Draw or take a picture of them.)

## Stars of the Week

For showing honesty, our stars of the week are:



Helen Kay-Jay Bahar Kabe Claire



Imaan Stanley Salihom Samuel Molly

## Composer of the Week

Next week our composer will be:

**Georg Handel**



## Notices

### Enrichment Clubs

All clubs and piano lessons start next week. Please ensure you have paid the 50% deposit for your child's clubs.

### Year 1 Reading Records

It is really important that Reading Records are signed every week. Many thanks.



### School Travel Plan

Ark Conway works closely with Hammersmith and Fulham to promote sustainable travel and active responsibility. We write a School Travel Plan and have successfully gained the bronze award for the past 3 years. Initiatives such as this funded our scooter park a couple of years ago and it is an important priority of the school.

With the sunny warm weather, we are keen to encourage as many pupils as possible to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Not only is this good for the environment and local community, but it is excellent exercise too! Our goal is to have over 80% of our pupils walk, scoot or cycle to school each day.

Here are 6 good reasons to walk, scoot or cycle to school:

- Research has shown that children who walk to school arrive in a calmer frame of mind, ready to begin learning.
- Walking to school will give both you and your child some exercise and research has shown that many children don't get enough exercise.
- Walking to school will give you the chance to talk to your child and enforce some of the road safety messages.
- No more hassle of school gate parking, which can put children in danger.
- Walking to school means one less car on the road reducing congestion and pollution.
- 20% of all rush hour traffic is made up of people doing the school run.

### Ark Primary Schools win School Fitness Award for PE Programme.

Great News! Ark Conway and Ark Bentworth Primary Schools have won a prestigious award for our physical fitness programme.

The 2016 Education Resources organisation presented the 'Whole Curriculum Subject Resource of the Year' award to the PE programme Champions, inspired by and developed in cooperation with Rising Stars and the Ark schools network.

The programme offers a holistic approach to the teaching of PE, engaging children in sports, improving fitness and deepening knowledge of health and wellbeing. Champions has equipped the pupils with a much greater awareness of healthy lifestyles, how they can develop stronger, healthier bodies, look after themselves well and make decisions that will have a positive impact.

### EYFS News

Carroll class have had a wonderful first week back exploring the life cycle of a butterfly. In Maths we have been subtracting eggs from leaves by counting back. In Literacy we have started learning 'A Tadpole's Promise'. Next week children will be inventing their very own ending! On Monday we will be going swimming for the first time. Please ensure your child packs their swimming costume and towel in a separate bag which they can carry to the pool themselves. Children should come to school wearing their school PE kit. Please ensure everything is labelled to avoid confusion during changing. Next week we will be exploring the life cycle of a frog. Ideas for home learning: You could make frogspawn using jelly and raisins. You could thread pom-poms together to make a caterpillar. You could draw a frog and label the parts.

Have a wonderful weekend from Mrs Hyslop and the EYFS team.



Kay-Jay and Helen (stars of the week) with their 'stained-glass' butterflies).