



## Head's Message

What a year! And what a fantastic final week of term!

As shared in assembly, the children have once again finished the year way ahead of national expectations in every year group. I'm sure everyone will agree that teaching staff have worked tirelessly all year to achieve this and deserve huge acknowledgement for their dedication and hard work.

But what a lovely way to end ... with a full week completely ignoring our normal timetable, enabling children and teachers alike to let loose and entertain their creative juices ... and I hope you all enjoyed the outcomes, all of which are just touched upon within this final newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has made this year so successful; staff, children and, of course, our school wouldn't be so special if we didn't have such amazing parents!

I, personally, am finding it very hard to say goodbye, so have a great summer everyone, and I look forward to seeing you all sometime during next academic year!

## Dates for Your Diary

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 1 and Year 2 trip to the seaside

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 2 sleepover

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Whole School Picnic

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – School closes at **1.30pm** for summer holidays (**there will be NO after school care on this day**)

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016** - School opens for the Autumn term

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 9.15am** – Air Quality Meeting (all parents invited)

## Notices

### Gala

The professionalism and enjoyment that the Ark Conway children showed on stage at the Ark Music Gala 'blew the minds' of the audience. The children performed at the Barbican in front of a huge crowd, alongside children from Bentworth. Well done to everyone who took part. You were amazing!



### Summer Fair

Well done to the Parents Forum who raised approximately £2,500 at the Summer Fair. We would also like to give a huge thanks to Alex Vaizey who has been Chair of the Parent Forum for the last 5 years and is stepping down from the role. She has done a tremendous job!

### Picnic

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016, our last day of term, we will be having a whole school picnic! If the weather is as nice as it is today we will head to a local park, or in case of rain we will have our picnic in the school hall.

Packed lunches will be ordered by school through our normal catering services so you will not need to provide a packed lunch. We will be crossing our fingers for a sunny day!

### Ice Cream Sale

There will be an ice-cream sale tomorrow, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 4pm for KS2 and Reception children. KS1 will be having their ice-cream by the sea!

### Film Club

Last Wednesday, Film Club were lucky to have three visitors: animator Lottie Kingslake, who made short film *Blood of the Bear*, and Louisa and Jane from Into Film - a charity which helped set up our club. The children watched Lottie's movie and then we had a wonderful Q&A (see picture). To finish, we had a competition to make Lottie a poster for her movie! Well done Clem!"



### Key Stage 1 Recital

What an impressive KS1 recital! The children's creativity shone through and the audience were wowed by singing, dancing, acting and poetry readings!



### Buildings Update

We are pleased to share with you an update about the building work.

All of the statutory works and diversions have now been completed and the actual build of the new Ark Conway building can now commence. Our contractors have already begun the process of mobilisation and in the next few months we will see the building start to take shape. This is an important marker and indicates that the new revised programme is on track for completion next Summer.

### Lion King Performance

Congratulations to all the Year 3 and 4 children who performed in Ark Conway's first KS2 Musical! It was incredible to see the maturity of every child, paired with a true sense of team spirit, resulting in an epic show!



### Reception Class Graduation

The Reception teachers were so proud of Carroll Class on Wednesday when they had their Graduation. They performed beautifully. We would like to wish them all a great summer and all the best for Year 1.



### Congratulations ..

to Miss Collins who is getting married during the Summer and will return as Mrs Mabile.

**Finally ...** We are very sad to say goodbye to Miss Oldham, Mr Johnston and Miss Hung. We wish them all the very best for the future!

Have a great Summer and we will see you all on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 8.30am**