



Head's Message

This week Dahl Class chose the wettest day to visit Kew Gardens! I'm told that despite the rain, the children had a wonderful time and the adults were thankful for the shelter given by the Palm House!

This week Mrs Hyslop, with support from Miss McNeilis, shared the learning portfolios of the children in Carroll Class with external moderators. Feedback was highly positive with a strong recognition of high expectations for writing development and an in-depth knowledge of every child's achievements. Well done Mrs Hyslop, Miss McNeilis and the Reception team!

Thanks to existing and new families who attended the Reception 2017 coffee morning on Wednesday. If you have any further questions regarding the first term, please do not hesitate to ask.

Have a lovely weekend!

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 st	Austen Class	98.52%
2 nd	Lewis Class	98.33%
2 nd	Carroll Class	98.00%
4 th	Dickens Class	96.69%
5 th	Dahl Class	94.67%
6 th	Potter Class	93.00%

Celebration Assemblies

Friday 26th May - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

Composer of the Week

Our composer next week will be:
Benjamin Britten



Inspire Excellence

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Stars of the Week

For showing perseverance, our stars of the week are:

Oliver	Aimee	Archie
Mia	Brandon	Leyla

Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: Humans have always been fascinated with things that fly. What can you find out about man's early attempts to fly like a bird?

Year 2: Write a description of the Palm House in Kew Gardens and draw a picture of it.

Year 3: Who needs help in your local area? What could you do to help them?

Year 4: Write a poem celebrating you and your family. Spellings: history, imagine, increase, important, interest. Spelling rule: revise words with the *ay* sound (eigh, ei, ey).

Year 5: Can you create a cover for your report on Children's Rights? Don't glue it in so we can use it. Spellings: review words ending in -tious and -cious

Website

You will find all our policies, including those relating to behaviour, curriculum & safeguarding on our school website - arkconway.org

Dates for Your Diary

22nd & 24th May 9-3pm and 5-5.45pm – Uniform Workshops (to try on sizes)

Friday 26th May - Year 3 cake sale

Friday 26th May – planning meeting re: summer fair (after assembly)

Friday 26th May – School closes at 4pm for half term

Monday 5th June – School re-opens after half term

Tuesday 6th June – Whole Class Photographs (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Friday 16th June – Year 1 trip to the Museum of Childhood

Thursday 15th June – Whole Class Photographs (Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5)

Friday 16th June – Parents Forum Meeting (after assembly)

Tuesday 20th June – EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sports Afternoon

Wednesday 21st June – Key Stage 2 Sports Afternoon

Thursday 29th June -2.45 – 3.30pm – Music Concert at Ark Swift, with the Parent Band

Saturday 1st July – New starters' picnic – all welcome

Wednesday 5th July 9am – 10am - Reception Class Graduation

Friday 7th July – INSET Day – school closed for pupils

w/c 10th July – Arts Week

Saturday 15th July 12 – 2pm – Summer Fair

Tuesday 18th July – Year 4 trip to Bath

Thursday 20th July – Year 2 overnight stay

Friday 21st July– School closes at 1.30pm for the summer

Wednesday 6th September – School re-opens for the Autumn term

Thursday 21st September – Bingo and Curry night (more details to follow)

Notices

Wedding Bells!

Congratulations to Miss Carver and her fiancé, who will be getting married next Sunday. We wish them a wonderful day and much happiness!

Polite Reminder

Just a reminder that it is school policy that children do not bring any toys into school. Thank you

Year 2 Trip to Kew Gardens

Dahl Class spent a rather rainy day exploring Kew Gardens! They visited the palm and lily pad houses, the hive and enjoyed the beautiful scenery before taking part in a mini beast hunt! The children kept smiling despite the weather and were in high spirits.



Important Notice - Chickenpox

Please be aware that there has been an incident of chickenpox in school this week. If you need more information about the symptoms of chickenpox go to the NHS website: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Chickenpox>

EYFS News

This week has been a busy one for Carroll Class as we have been continuing with our swimming lessons and impressing everybody with our own versions of 'A Tadpole's Promise'. We welcomed visitors from the Borough, who came to moderate our Early Years work. They were suitably impressed with our year's work and especially mentioned the wonderful Proud Books and Tapestry observations. So, well done parents for all of your input into your child's learning journey – and thank you.

Next week we will be studying ways in which we can help our world. We will be re-purposing old rubbish into bird feeders, planters and toys. Please could you continue to send in your clean, dry recycling, especially large plastic bottles. Over the next week you could plan and design a recycled product ready to present to the class on Friday.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Hyslop and the EYFS team