



Ark Conway Primary Academy

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Head's Message

Today marks the end of the 2018-2019 academic year! Yet again I am surprised by how quickly the year has flown by but also by how much we have managed to achieve together in that time.

It would be impossible to list all of these achievements here so I will simply name just a few! Earlier this year we refurbished and opened our brand new library filled with new books. This followed some incredible fundraising by the Ark Conway parents! We have since gone on to open our new garden, filled to the brim with different fruits and vegetables and now even a selection of herbs for Chef Henryk to use when cooking our delicious lunches!

Staff, children and parents alike have also persevered to ensure that all of our pupils are successful, both academically and socially. This hard work has led to some outstanding results; 90% of our Reception children met the early learning goals, 97% of pupils passed the phonics screening check in year 1, 90% of Year 2 pupils met the age related expectations in their Key Stage 1 Sats and 90% of Year 6 pupils met the age related expectations in the Key Stage 2 Sats. In addition to this, I am incredibly proud that we were shortlisted for the TES 'Healthy School of the Year' award! This showcased our work towards ensuring our pupils have 'healthy bodies and healthy minds', through our MindUp programme, the daily mile and our healthy lunches to name just a few areas!

As well as celebrations, we also have some goodbyes to say. Firstly, a huge thank you to Elizabeth, who will be stepping down as the Parent Forum Chair. She has achieved such a lot in the year and we are forever grateful for her hard work. We look forward to working with Danielle from September. We are also saying good bay to some staff members; Mr Rodwell, Miss Klodzinska, Miss McNeilis and Miss Farish. As we said in assembly this morning, they have all given such a lot to Ark Conway and we will never forget their contribution to making our school outstanding. We hope to see them visiting us many times over the future!

We are also saying goodbye to Year 6. We will sincerely miss every single one of these special children, as they have brought joy to so many around school. We look forward to hearing how they go from strength to strength in the coming years at secondary school – I'm sure their workshop with our Conway Alumni Partners (CAPs) yesterday was hugely beneficial as they begin this important transition.

Before we depart for a well-deserved holiday, I also wanted to let you all know that I am expecting a baby. I intend to begin my maternity leave in December and so I am working hard with the Ark Central team to outline a clear plan of action for who will be covering my role whilst I am away, to ensure that the school continues to go from strength to strength. As soon as this is confirmed, we will inform you of this plan.

Finally, I couldn't possibly write this final newsletter without saying a heartfelt thank you to every single person involved in Ark Conway. Thank you to the children for working exceptionally hard and bringing joy to your friends and your teachers every day. Thank you to every member of staff for devoting so much to the pupils of Ark Conway. Your commitment blows me away on a daily basis. Thank you to all of the Ark Conway families for supporting the school in so many different ways, you help us to build such a special community – the heart of our school.

I hope you all have the most amazing summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you in on Wednesday 4th September for many more exciting times!

Mrs Ross-Wood

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September – Inset Days

Wednesday 4th September – First day of the new academic year, children return to school by 8:30am

Friday 6th September – Parent and teacher coffee morning 8:40am

Friday 13th September – Cake Sale at 4pm



Home Learning

Reception: Have a brilliant summer holiday!

Year 1: Have a lovely summer everyone. I will miss you.

Year 2: Write a story about your favourite day of summer to read in September.

Year 3: Write your new teacher a letter explaining all your favourite things you have done over the summer.

Year 4: Write to your new teacher telling them all about you.

Year 5: Relax, have fun and read!

Year 6: Relax, have fun and read!



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