



## Head's Message

This has been our first full week of the Autumn term, which means we are now in full swing in terms of delivering the enriching curriculum we strive to offer at Ark Conway.

On Monday it was great to see the majority of the school looking sporty in their P.E kits. In line with our aim to further increase the quality and facilities of sports provision at Ark Conway, children from Year 2 upwards energetically participated in a round of Sport and Fitness challenges at Ark Swift, which offers ample space for such activities.

This week we also saw the launch of our first Ark Conway Societies. These provide an opportunity for children to rehearse and improve their presentation and performance skills while also recognising how we can impact positively on the community and service in our local area.

Co-Teachers have been busy planning a thrilling enrichment offer, please look carefully at the After School Club menu and encourage your child to get involved! Have a brilliant weekend!

## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Carroll Class	100.00%
1 <sup>st</sup>	Austen Class	100.00%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lewis Class	99.57%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Potter Class	99.00%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dickens Class	97.41%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dahl Class	97.00%

## Celebration Assemblies

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

## Dates for Your Diary

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm** - Tapestry information session for Reception parents

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 9.15am** - Buildings and air quality update

**October 2016** – Black History Month

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Close for half term

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – School re-opens after half term

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**November** – Parent and Carer Lunchtime Experience

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 4 and Year 5 Literacy Spotlight Assembly

**w/c Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Global Entrepreneurship Week

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** – Dahl Class Assembly

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Christmas Fair

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Carroll Class Nativity

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – INSET Day (School CLOSED for pupils)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Xmas Jumper Day

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm

## Home Learning

**Reception:** See EYFS News.

**Year 1:** Where is your favourite place to go in our local area? Tell me why you like it?

**Year 2:** Draw a map of our school and direct me to different classes using North, South, East and West.

**Year 3:** What are the major cities in Greece? Can you tell me some of their geographical features?

**Year 4:** Can you research Norman castles?

**Year 5:** Find two more animals who would be affected by de-forestation, tell me how?

## Composer of the Week

Next week our composer will be:  
**Ludwig Van Beethoven**



## Stars of the Week

For showing happiness, our stars of the week are:

		
Novel	Rufta	Louis
		
Zephan	Ellis	Jevan

## Congestion at the End of the Day

It has been brought to our attention that it is rather congested at the end of the day when the Year 1 and Year 3 classes are dismissed at the same time. To ease congestion, from Monday, parents of Year 1 children are asked to collect their children from the Reception playground gate, near the main entrance.

## First Aid Lessons

Year 2 and Year 3 have enjoyed taking part in a First Aid Workshop this week. They have learnt all about basic first aid, including CPR, the recovery position and applying bandages.



## Notices

### School Uniform

We have noticed a few children are attending school without their tie. Our school ties add the finishing touch to our smart uniform so please ensure your child is wearing their tie everyday in school. If you require a new tie, these can be purchased from the school office.

### Birthday Treats

It is a kind gesture when children share cake with their class peers on their birthday. However it is important to remember that as a 'healthy school', we want to ensure that the portion size of treats are controlled. Please refrain from being overly generous when sending treats to be shared with the class and if bringing cake, please ensure this is cut before bringing into school. Thank you

### Reading Books in Year 4 and Year 5

Please ensure your child has their regular reading book in their book bag everyday. While we recognise the children in Dickens and Austen class are fast becoming confident independent readers, we do still like to provide the opportunity for children to read to adults during the school day whenever possible. This process will be far more accessible if children have their regular reading book easily to hand.

### After School Enrichment Clubs

Letters have been sent home today with a timetable of Enrichment Clubs that are available for the Autumn Term. Please return the completed form by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 as places are limited. Clubs will commence on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016.

### National Youth Choir Auditions

If your child is inspired by the idea of singing great music in incredible places and has the ability and potential to take their singing to the highest level, then they could audition for the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain. Booking opens at 9.30am on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September via [www.nycgb.org.uk/join-us](http://www.nycgb.org.uk/join-us)

Please speak to Miss Carver if you have any questions.

### EYFS News

The EYFS team are bursting with pride this week at our 100% attendance and our punctuality trophy. We are hoping to retain our title so well done to all of you who are getting to school on time. Lining up with their friends ahead of the morning bell gives children (and teachers) such a settled start to the morning. We are endeavouring to have a member of our EYFS team outside with a clipboard each morning. Please find them if you have any messages so that they can make a note of it.

Please also ensure that your child's book is returned on Monday, as we have allocated time to remove them and review them that afternoon.

Our first Forest School outing was a huge success, and next week we are looking forward to collecting sticks to make a stick bundle representing the members of our family. We will also be moving onto the text 'So Much', which celebrates all family members.

Ideas for home learning: You could draw and label all members of your family. You could get creative and make a family tree, you could stick a family photo into your proud book and be ready to discuss it next Friday.



Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Hyslop & the EYFS team.