



# Ark Conway Primary Academy

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## Head's Message

This week we had a visit from an inspector, not just any inspector but an Ofsted inspector! As part of a survey Ofsted are completing regarding the Reception Curriculum, they identified Ark Conway as one of thirty schools nationally to be achieving high pupil outcomes in EYFS. Therefore they opted to come and see Carroll Class and the Reception team in action! The inspector was particularly impressed by our clear vision for the Early Years and our approach to mathematics. As a result, they have recommended Ark Conway as a national case study for early mathematical pedagogy and may well return to capture highlights on video! Well done to Carroll Class, Mrs Hyslop and the EYFS team for persevering a long three hours of observation!

Dahl Class have also been displaying a huge amount of perseverance not just this week but for the past three weeks! They have been completing their SATs packs with high levels of motivation and resilience. The children have enjoyed demonstrating their excellent knowledge and understanding. Mr White and Miss Choudhry rewarded their hard work with a wonderful treat this afternoon!

Have a brilliant break, see you all on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June!

## Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Carroll Class	97.67%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dahl Class	97.33%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dickens Class	96.67%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Lewis Class	96.00%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Austen Class	95.33%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Potter Class	94.67%

## Celebration Assemblies

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 parents

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents

## Composer of the Week

Our composer for the week after half term will be:



**Benjamin Britten**

## Stars of the Week

For showing perseverance, our stars of the week are:



## Website

You will find all our policies, including those relating to behaviour, curriculum & safeguarding on our school website - [arkconway.org](http://arkconway.org)

*Inspire Excellence*

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*



## Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: Read, read, read and read some more!

Year 2: What can you find out about animals endangered in the ocean?

Year 3: Read, read, read!

Year 4: Spellings: island, knowledge, learn, laugh, library, suppose, surprise, therefore, though/although, thought, through, various, weight, woman/women. Please can Year 4 be ready to be tested on these spellings on the first week back after the half-term break.

Year 5: Read, read, read in the sunshine!  
Spellings: words that follow the 1:1:1 rule.

## Dates for Your Diary

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – School re-opens after half term

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – Whole Class Photographs (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 1 trip to the Museum of Childhood

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Parents Forum Meeting (after assembly)

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day (KS1 ‘am’ and KS2 ‘pm’)

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Whole Class Photographs (Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5) – PLEASE NOTE – This is an amended date

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June** -2.45 – 3.30pm – Music Concert at Ark Swift, with the Parent Band

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 4-5pm** – Reception Class Mad Hatters Tea Party

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – New starters’ picnic – all welcome

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** 9am – 10am - Reception Class Graduation

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – INSET Day – school closed for pupils

**w/c 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Arts Week

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July** 12 – 2pm – Summer Fair

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 4 trip to Bath

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 2 overnight stay

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**– School closes at 1.30pm for the summer

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** – School re-opens for the Autumn term

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September** – Bingo and Curry night (more details to follow)

## Notices

### Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder that we are a healthy school and any snacks sent into school, including for after school care, should be healthy. No crisps or chocolate please.

### Suncare

As the weather is getting warmer, please remember to apply suncream to your child before school and send suncream into school in your child’s bookbag for them to re-apply during the day. Baseball caps can also be worn outside at break and lunchtimes.

### Air Quality

We recently received the results from the air quality diffusion tubes set up in and around the main building and portacabins of Ark Conway. In line with the specialist’s analysis that took place at the beginning of this academic year, the results identified that concentrations are significantly below the European nitrogen dioxide legal limit of 40 micrograms of nitrogen dioxide per cubic metre of air. This reinforces that the air quality within the school grounds is safe.

### Arts Week

Please note that our resident performing arts specialist who will be based at Ark Conway from 3<sup>rd</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> July will be working with three year groups at a time to create two performances. It’s likely that the children will perform at the dates and times noted below, however there is a slight chance that these may be subject to change.

Year R, Year 2 & Year 4 - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Year 1, Year 3 & Year 5 - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Performance times for both days:

Show one will start at 1:30pm

Show two will start at 3:00pm

*Parents are encouraged to attend one show not both.*

## Sports Day

It has been brought to our attention that scheduling KS1 and KS2 Sports events on two separate days is causing some difficulty for parents who have children in both events and there is preference for the events to take place on one day. Therefore, both events will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June (weather permitting). KS1 will take place in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. Start and finish times will be confirmed next half-term.

## EYFS News

This week has been filled with special visitors, recycling old materials, caring for our school and celebrating our growth. We measured our sunflowers and were impressed with the results. As a result of all of our hard work and success, we earned the last three marbles in our marble jar and therefore had a party!



Next half term our topic will be 'Adventures' and we will be starting with 'The Pirate Cruncher'.

Over the holiday you could prepare your child for this topic by exploring boats, pirates and letters or scrolls. You could even made a map leading to some treasure.

We will no longer be asking you to put work in Proud Books. We will keep these now until the end of the year as part of our ongoing assessment. Spellings will continue to be sent home on Fridays and books will be changed on Mondays. Please continue to upload on Tapestry anytime, and bring your home learning in on a Friday for sharing.

Finally, the date for our annual Mad Hatters Tea Party has been confirmed. This will be from 4 – 5pm in the Reception classroom and playground on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Parent Reps are organising the tea party and they will be in touch to let you know how you can help. This holiday you could start by reading 'Alice in Wonderland'.

Have a wonderful half term,

Mrs Hyslop and the EYFS team