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Happy New Year!

Dear Parents & Carers

As we step into the Spring Term I would like to welcome you all back to school for another term of great learning and community build! We have had another very positive start to the half term and the children have settled straight back into their learning; please do make sure that you have access your child's Half Term Curriculum Learning Grid. We sent them home on Monday but please do request one from the office or alternatively you can access all the year groups from the website <https://arkjohnarcher.org/>

I have put together all the key dates below so that you are able to get them into your diaries. It's a bit of a 'quieter' half term. There will be no Show Case event at the end of this half term. We will instead be celebrating the whole terms learning before the Easter Break.

Key Dates for Spring A 2019/2020

- **Year 3 Ancient Greece Day – Wednesday 15th January 2020**
- **Year 6 trip to Wimbledon Museum – Thursday 16th January 2020**
- **Year 5 trip to The Design Museum – Friday 17th January 2020**
- **Reception visit to the Fire Station – Monday 20th January 2020**
- **Reception visit to Pizza Express – Tuesday 28th January 2020**
- **Reception visit to Pizza Express – Tuesday 4th February 2020**
- **Year 1 visit to Battersea Park Zoo – Thursday 6th February 2020**
- **Nursery visit to London Zoo – Wednesday 29th January 2020**
- **Ark Network Day – The School will be closed – Friday 14th February 2020**
- **Half Term – Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020**
- **Frist Day back for ALL Children – Tuesday 25th February 2020**

Over the latter part of the Autumn Term we experienced a lot of sickness at the school, which in turn, affected our attendance figures. We need to work together to improve our overall attendance figures... which currently stands at 94.4% - this is significantly below the national of 96.2%. I understand that children are sick and if your child is off for more than two days then we must have medical evidence from the doctor so that we can authorise this absence. Children can come to school with a cough and cold, but if this is accompanied with a temperature then we do urge you to keep them at home. I am afraid that tiredness, 'I don't want to go to school' or oversleeping does not warrant a day off. Please do make sure you call the office when your child is going to be off. It saves us a lot of time chasing absences, and we can also give advice over the phone. Finally, we need to ensure the children are at school on time... the gates are open from 8:40 a.m. There is a breakfast club starting at 7.50am that costs £2.00 per day or if your child comes to school for 8:30 a.m. they will get a free bagel. Do make use of this. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me - I am here to support you.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes

Moira Cruddas

Principal

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