



Friday 7th February 2020

A Message from the Principal

Another half term is nearly over and I would like to thank you, you the parents and the wider community, for your continued support. It has certainly been an incredibly busy half term.

Last week I wrote about the importance of reading and how it can improve our memory, our vocabulary but also it is so nice to just spend some quiet time reading a great book. I'm certainly looking forward to reading more books over the half term holiday.

During the Autumn Term we looked at the importance of keeping our children safe online. As we enter half term there is a greater tendency for children to be given more screen time. One game I would encourage your children to play is Mathletics. Not only is it educational it is really good fun and the children really enjoy receiving certificates on a Friday assembly when they reach Bronze, Silver or Gold. I am not adverse to gaming at all... I am just very keen to make sure that we keep an eye on what they are playing, who they are playing against (especially if there is a chat facility) and also what they are watching on YouTube. Here is a link that you may find supportive and useful if you want any further information about keeping safe online...

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Also a reminder of the child friendly link to use instead of Google...

<https://swiggle.org.uk/>

Lets keep our children safe together and if you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday Have a great weekend!

Best Wishes

Maira Cruddas



Attendance

Winners of the class attendance award this week is...

**Year 4F with a fantastic
99.6% attendance this week!!**

Well done 😊

Whole school attendance this week was a very healthy... **96.6%!!!**

Congratulations 6F!

**You were 100% on time
to school! Well done!**

100%

**Our Value for this half term is...
Achievement!**

Working hard to be proud of yourself.

Birthdays

Nursery: No birthdays this week

Reception: Billie-Ivy Preece

Year 1: Nathaniel Duah

Year 2: Kimberly Onwukwe

Year 3: Ismail Omar

Year 4: Aisha Nasim

Year 5: David Biggs

Year 6: No birthdays this week

Happy Birthday from everyone at Ark John Archer!



Star Awards

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| Reception | Brielle Adu & Bronislaw Slabiak Hadjou |
| Year 1 | Remas Elwarky |
| Year 2 | Aiden Diakiese |
| Year 3 | Maleek Palmer & Hassan Sadiqi |
| Year 4 | Aimee Lau & Ibrahim Ibrahim |
| Year 5 | Sapphire Rochester & Osman Mohamud |
| Year 6 | Yasna Ali & Vincent Jordan-Edwards |



Notices

School Closed—INSET DAYS

Just a reminder as we are quickly coming to the end of this half term.... **The school is closed on Friday 14th February for Ark Training.** All of the Ark schools both primary and secondary will be closed. After half term, the school is closed for training on Monday 24th February 2020. Please can we make sure **ALL** of the children return to school on **TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY!** We must work together to improve our attendance... make every day count!

Next Years Academic year Dates 2020/2021

I have now agreed the dates for next year. They are now available on the website and on request from the school office. Please book your holidays during the holiday period and not term time. Thank you!

School Uniform

A gentle reminder about our Uniform Policy. Children are expected to be wearing black shoes (not trainers) with their uniform. The only permitted time to wear trainers is when it is a PE Day and these too need to be black. Please support the uniform policy. Many thanks.

Food Vouchers

If any of you require food bank vouchers, please do contact Ms Cruddas. If you do require support from the vouchers, please know that this matter will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. We are here to help and support you.

Website

You will find all our policies; for example, our Behaviour, Curriculum & Safeguarding Policies, on our website— <https://arkjohnarcher.org/>

Key Dates

Ark Network Day - School is closed - Friday 14th February 2020

Half Term - Monday 17th February 2020 - Friday 21st February 2020

INSET Day—Monday 24th February 2020

All children to return to school on Tuesday 25th February 2020

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