



Thursday 13th February 2020

A Message from the Principal

Half term is now upon us and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. It has been an immense half term of learning. We have another great 6 weeks of learning ahead of us after half term so please do encourage the children to recharge their batteries.

We have had a number of class trips this half term that have enabled the children to have their learning enriched and to have facts embedded. Year 6 had braved the cold wind and had a wonderful day at the Barnes Wetland Centre. Their key learning was to observe adaptations on a variety of specimens and live birds. Year 5 went to the Natural History Museum to build on their knowledge about Volcanoes. Year 1 went to Battersea Park Zoo... they took the Thames Clipper and journeyed down the Thames. Just experiencing the different forms of Transport that London has to offer is so important and so exciting! Nursery took a day out to London Zoo and Reception continue to be real champions in their clean up campaign of our local area and also enjoyed their trip to Pizza Express - we may have inspired some future chefs! It is such a joy to be able to part of these learning journeys and I would like to thank you all for your support in ensuring all of the children get the opportunities to venture into our wonderful city.

Finally just a little reminder about our school uniform. Please can you make sure your child comes into school wearing black shoes or black trainers when it is PE day. We now have a school hijab which will be part of the uniform from September. Please do contact the office for prices. Can we please work together for the rest of the year to continue to make sure our uniform is worn with pride.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 25th February 2020.

Best Wishes

Maira Cruddas



Attendance

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

Year 4C with a fantastic 100% attendance this week!!

Well done 😊

Whole school attendance this week was a little lower... **95.4%!!!**

Congratulations 1C!

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

100%

Our Value for Spring B will be...

Community!

Working together and sharing the same values

Birthdays

Nursery: Navya Lal and Carter Campbell King

Reception: Brielle Adu

Year 1: Remas Elwarky and Daniyal Chaudhry

Year 2: No birthdays this week

Year 3: No birthdays this week

Year 4: Sadaf Kohistani

Year 5: Osman Mohamud

Year 6: Elijah Dankwa and Samira Abdulla

Happy Birthday from everyone at Ark John Archer!



Star Awards

Reception	Malakai Rhone & Likhman Ali
Year 1	Sohrab Khairy
Year 2	Nicole Zemke
Year 3	Aishah Suleiman & Ismail Omar
Year 4	Mahveen Zeeshan & Jabril Mahamud
Year 5	Nelidey Garcia Mendez & Yozgyur Kalin
Year 6	Cameron Austin-Graham



Notices

Attendance

Please make sure that your child is ready to return to school on Tuesday 25th February 2020. I can not stress the importance of making sure your child is in school and on time - it is also your legal responsibility. A little reminder that penalty notices will be issued to anyone taking holidays during term time. The fine is £60 per child. I am here to support you if you are experiencing difficulties getting your child to school. Many thanks for your support on this matter.

Parents Evening

Please do come along to the Spring Term Parents Evening that will be take place on Monday 9th March from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. and on Tuesday 10th March from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. We will be using the online booking system - I think you will find this a lot easier to use. Please do use the following link...

<https://arkjohnarcher.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

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

INSET Day - Monday 24th February 2020

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

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