



Friday 12th February 2021

A Message from the Principal

Welcome to our final newsletter for this half term. Many thanks to all of the parents who attended the meeting with me on Wednesday morning. The focus of the meeting was to discuss our remote learning package. The feedback given was positive and suggestions were made for more break out groups after the morning meetings on Teams to support the learning and ways we can support our children when they return to school and their well-being. The latter will be a priority when we get the green light to re-open the school again; I know the support is there from the community to ensure our children return safely and to support those who may find it difficult. The parents meetings will be a feature of our calendar of events moving forward and the next one will be on Wednesday 4th March at 10:00 a.m. I will send more details out after half term and the link.

I have been so pleased that so many of you have embraced the Well-Being Wednesday Afternoon Challenge #WWAC. Here at the school the children have enjoyed cooking and playing boardgames, colouring and reading. From your homes you have cooked, gone out for walks, unleashed or inner artistic talents, read some books, had some family time and have embraced some screen free time! Thank you so much for supporting this... this must become something that we do even more of as our well-being is so important... so lets keep this up!!

Today we have started our half term break and we will be stepping into the Spring B term on Monday 22nd February. The Community Classroom will re-open its doors and for rest of you, remote learning will resume. Hopefully I will have some news of the school re-opening - fingers crossed! Thank you - ALL OF YOU - for all your amazing support, patience and generosity of spirit. YOU are all doing an amazing job and I am proud to be part of this community!!

I hope you all have a wonderful Half Term and please do continue to follow the government guidance and keep yourselves and your families safe. You know where we are if you need anything! See you virtually on Monday 22nd February!! #KeepAJASafe #TogetherAsOne #WWACHeroes

Best wishes

Moira Cruddas



Top Tips For Home Learning

- Get up at regular time every morning!
- Log in to SeeSaw / Class DoJo and check your activities for the day and think about how you are going to do your work
- Complete your work but take regular screen breaks - use the suggested timetable to help
- Try and strike a balance between screen work and using a pencil and some paper
- Make sure you upload your work everyday

Things to remember...

- Have you worked out with Mr McCormick?
- Have you completed any challenges from the Values Assembly
- What can you do to be the Star of the Week for Celebration Assembly on Friday!
- Always ask for help from us if you need it!

**Spring A Value
ACHIEVEMENT**

Working hard to be proud of yourself

Mr McCormick's PE Star of the Week

My star of the week for this week is
Malique from **5G**.

Congratulations on a great half term of learning. I've been consistently impressed by your level of maturity and attitude towards learning. You are proving to be a great role model with impeccable manners.

Keep smiling, we are all very proud of you.



This week's Athletics Champions are

4C!

Outstanding mathletes.
Crushing the competition.
Keep it up!

Mathletics



This week's Times Tables
Rock Stars are

5F!

Outstanding effort.
Brilliant work... You rock!

Birthdays

Reception: Carter Campbell King

Year 1: Billie-Ivy Preece and Brielle Adu

Year 2: Remas Elwarky and Daniyal Chaudhry

Year 3: No birthdays this week

Year 4: No birthdays this week

Year 5: Aisha Nasim and Sadaf Kohistani

Year 6: Osman Mohamud

Happy Birthday from
everyone at Ark John Archer!

**Star Awards**

Reception	Mahmoud Ahmed and Sara Abdillahi
Year 1	Amelia Gumienna and Emilia Serjent
Year 2	Sayen Manichelvan
Year 3	Aiden Diakiese
Year 4	Kaycee Brawn and Siobhan Taylor Parker
Year 5	Mahveen Zeeshan and Mahamedamin Yusuf
Year 6	Zionne Antwi-Biasiakoh and Gabrielle Monteiro-Smith

Well done to all the children!

Notices**Food Vouchers**

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

Website

Mr Prior has worked incredibly hard to make the website more accessible. Please do use it to access learning for your child and for up to date information. You will also find all of our policies, e.g. our Safeguarding Policy, Attendance Policy, our Uniform Policy and many more. Our great AJA Curriculum is also available to read.

<https://arkjohnarcher.org/>

Keeping Safe

Please remember to keep each other and your family safe during this time. If you need to come into school to pick up any resources we encourage you to wear a mask when you enter the school's main office area. You have all been doing an amazing job during this time so let's keep this up and remember to... #KeepAJASafe

Home Learning

Please remember to log in every day and complete your Home Learning on SeeSaw and for Reception on Class DoJo. Keep up your amazing work and any problems please do get in touch

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