



Friday 14th January 2022

A Message from the Principal

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new Spring Half Term!

We have started the new term with a real spring in our step and we are all very excited about the learning journeys that our children will be on. Please do take some time to read through what your child will be learning over this half term. All the information can be found on our website and please look under the Years & Classes Tab...

Many thanks to you all for supporting our drive to improve punctuality in the morning. As per my email and letter last week, I made the decision to close the gates at 8:55 a.m. to ensure all of the children are seated, ready for the register and learning at 9:00 a.m. Towards the end of last term far too many children were coming to school late. I am pleased to report that there has been an improvement over the week with a decrease in the number of children being late so thank you for the support. This is one week... we need to make sure we keep to this for the rest of the half term (and the rest of the year!!)

We are all aware that there was quite a significant increase in the amount of C-19 cases over the holidays and on return to school. Thank you for your continued support on ensuring we keep safe and the children continue to ensure hands are washed not just well, but really well!!

One of my priorities since joining this school has to ensure that we create a culture in the school where the children feel safe to learn, interact and grow as individuals. Even with the disruptions the culture in AJA really supports children to be the best they can be. There are times when children are unkind and we work hard to ensure we investigate any unpleasantness, speak to parents and we work hard to repair relationships. If you have any concerns about the behaviour in the school or you are worried about your own child please do not hesitate to come and speak to me. Anything you say will be acted upon and dealt with sensitively.

Thank you again for all of your support and I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Please do keep safe and look after yourselves, and most all... Look after one another!!

Best wishes

Maira Cruddas



Attendance

The winner of the class attendance award this week is...

RECEPTION with...

99.2% attendance!!

This is FANTASTIC!!

Whole school attendance this week was a much improved...

95.2%

Let's get back to 96%+ next week...

We can do it!!!

Spring A Value

Achievement

Working hard to be proud of yourself.

Star Awards

Reception	Hazel O'Connor
Year 1	Aya Sahraoui
Year 2	Leonardo De Castro Martins
Year 3	Sayen Manichelvan
Year 4	Za'niyah Dillon and Mohamed Abdi
Year 5	Trey Danso and Abdirahman Mohamud
Year 6	Paige Johns, Shakia Martinez and Muhammad Amin

Well done to all the children!

Mr McCormick's PE Star of the Week

My star of the week is **Faith** in **Year 4**. Congratulations on a wonderful start to the new term. You have demonstrated great enthusiasm for your learning, particularly in your gymnastics lessons. Keep up the amazing work!



Birthdays

Reception - Rawhen Mostafa and Adam Kekic

Year 1 - Neve Budd

Year 2 - No birthdays this week

Year 3 - No birthdays this week

Year 4 - Bushra Sahraoui, Yaseen Chowdhury and Mohamed Mohamuud

Year 5 - Siobhan Taylor Parker

Year 6 - Charles Hersey

Happy Birthday from everyone at Ark John Archer!



This week's
Mathletics
Champions are

1A

Crushing the
competition.

Keep it up!

Mathletics

This week's Times
Tables Rock Stars
are

4E

Brilliant work

You rock!



Home Learning Champions...

Congratulations **2W** on the highest home learning completion rate this week. Excellent work!



Notices

Website

You will find all of our policies, e.g. our Safeguarding Policy, Attendance Policy, our Uniform Policy as well as up to date information. On our website Our great AJA Curriculum is also available to read as well as keep up to date with what the topics are for the half term... <https://arkjohnarcher.org/>

Keeping Safe

Please remember to keep each other and your family safe during this time. If you ever feel at risk or unsafe when you are out and about... you are free to take shelter in our front office. If you have any safety or safeguarding concerns please do speak to Ms Cruddas at any time... we are here to help, support and to listen. #KeepAJASafe

Key Dates

Ark Network Day - School Closed

Friday 11th February 2022

Half Term

Monday 14th - Friday 18th February 2022

All children to return

Tuesday 22nd February 2022

Together As One