

Dear Parents/Carers

A very Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had a very enjoyable holiday. The Christmas break is always a busy time so I do hope you were able to find moments of rest and reflection with your families and friends. The end of last term was very enjoyable for us all and the children all gave excellent performances in their various productions and concerts; I hope you were able to attend these and enjoyed them as much as I did. Our Christmas Fayre was a great success this year, thanks to your continued support, and **we raised an impressive £496 to go to school funds** and the children **also raised £157 through the carol singing** at the Wembley Outlet and during our KS2 Coffee and Carols morning. This was sent as **a donation to Shelter at Christmas**. Thank you to everyone who donated, both in time and money, and I will let you know how we intend to spend the money raised at the fayre in due course.

And so we enter 2017 very positively with a great deal to do, but also a great deal to look forward to. The **Spring Term Parent Calendar** will be sent home this week; please make sure you keep a copy of this to hand throughout the term so that you are aware of all the relevant and important dates of upcoming events.

Please could I ask again that those of you who drive to school **refrain from parking on the zig zag markings** in front of the gate. This seemed to improve during last term but I noticed a number of parents parked there during the morning drop off last week and had to ask a number to move along. It will only be a matter of time before there is a nasty accident due to, what can only be considered as, illegal parking on these markings. Cars seen doing this from now on will have their registrations taken and reported to our local community police officer.

Can I also politely remind you that the **school gate opens at 8.20am**. Unless you are dropping your child to Breakfast Club, which should be by 8.10am at the latest, you should not be arriving at school before 8.20am. A number of families are arriving earlier than this and using the entry buzzer to gain admission through the visitor gate. Whilst we are able to let you in this way, the office staff are very busy before 8.20am preparing for the school day and are finding themselves constantly interrupted. I would ask that if you arrive early you wait outside the main gate until it is opened. Your full cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

I hope you received the information at the end of last term regarding the publication of your child's assessment results. These will be made available to you shortly, via a letter that will be sent home. In the meantime, if you have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to see Mr Watkins or myself.

Finally, Brent have issued a Special Educational Needs and Disability parent newsletter to inform parents and carers about their service. The newsletter can be found here:

<http://arkacademy.org/primary/special-educational-needs-and-disability>

Wishing you a very happy week,



Mr Doswell
Headteacher

