

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well and are now settled back into the routine of school after our first week back.

I trust that you received my letter last week informing you that assessment reports will be coming home this week. I can confirm that these will be sent to you, via your child, on Friday 28th April 2017.

Also a reminder that key external assessments will take place as follows:

KS2 SATs Week – w/b 8th May 2017
KS1 SATs Week – w/b 15th May 2017
Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests – w/b 12th June 2017

Timetables and relevant information should now have been sent to you via your child's class teacher. If you require any further information do see them at the end of the day.

You will also receive the termly Parent Calendar this week, which gives the overview if all dates of events and trips between now and July 2017.

Wishing you a lovely week ahead.

Ian Doswell

Year 4 trip to Oxford University

On Thursday last week, Year 4 made a visit to Oxford University, as part of our Pencil Project that Miss Vellacott has been working on in school. The Pencil Project has been started to promote the children's understanding and experience of life after Ark Academy – what we refer to as their pathways for the future. As you know, it is Ark's mission to be able to give each child the opportunity to succeed at the university or career of their choice, regardless of their starting point. By highlighting the many pathways that exist for the children in their futures we are enabling them to have high and real aspirations.



The Pencil Project started with Miss Vellacott contacting many of the top universities in the country and asking for some of their branded pencils. We had responses from Oxford, Cambridge, Warwick and Nottingham to name a few and the children only use these very special pencils when they undertake their very special termly assessments. The next step has been to reach out to universities and give the children the opportunity to visit them so they gain an understanding of what a university is and hopefully inspire them to want to attend in the future. By all accounts it really was a fantastic day and we are very grateful to Oxford for their time and dedication to the children. Year 6 will also visit Oxford in June and there are plans in place for other year groups to visit different universities in the coming months.



Well done Year 4 and to Miss Vellacott for an excellent trip.

