

Dear Parents/Carers

I am always amazed at how quickly the time goes and it is hard to believe that this is our last week of the first half of the summer term. In just eight weeks, we will come to the end of the academic year 2016/17 and school is already busy in beginning to plan for the new year ahead. The children, as always, are working very hard and we are all looking forward to the many exciting events that fill the last part of the summer term. Key dates for the remainder of the year are included in this week's newsletter.



Today saw the start of our Science Week, which has been organised by Mrs Harrison and the staff. We are all very excited about the many events taking place throughout the week. We began with an assembly today, led by Mrs Harrison and Miss Hickling from the secondary school, along with some of her colleagues. They led the children through a series of impressive experiments based around solids, liquids and gases. We look forward to welcoming other visitors this week from Sublime Science Workshops and a company leading coding workshops with some classes. All classes will also be participating in a range of activities and experiments led by their teachers and we will be sharing the week's events with you in the next newsletter.



Thank you to those who have paid for the workshops in advance. If you haven't yet paid for the Science workshops, please can you do so. In order to offer such exciting and interesting workshops, we do need to ask parents for financial contributions. Any problems with using Parentpay, please contact the office.

Also on Friday this week (26<sup>th</sup> May) we are holding our very first "What Can I Be?" day when children will attend workshops led by parent volunteers to learn all about different careers. I would like to thank all parents who have so kindly volunteered to assist on this day and we look forward to finding out about the various journeys, qualifications and exciting things that some of you do as part of their chosen careers.

Well done to our Year 2 children and their teachers for a very successful KS1 SATS week. The children were extremely calm and focussed which is a testament to their hard work and that of the staff in preparing for these tests. Unlike the Year 6 SATs where results of the tests are published, KS1 test results are used by teachers to inform their overall end of year teacher assessment judgements. These will be shared with you in July.

Please be reminded that school closes on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 3.00pm and reopens again at 8.20am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017. I wish you all a very enjoyable half term holiday.

I wish you a lovely week and hope the sunshine last,

Kind regards,

Mr Ian Doswell  
Headteacher

### Ramadan and Eid Ul Fitr

Ramadan will be starting soon and a letter has been emailed regarding children fasting. Please let the office know if you intend your child to partake in this. If you require to take a day's religious observance for Eid, please complete the leave of absence form available from the office.

On behalf of everyone at Ark Academy, I wish all those families observing this holy time a very peaceful and blessed Ramadan - Ramadan Mubarak.

### After School Clubs

Please be reminded that, unless informed otherwise, all after school clubs finish at 4.45pm and children must be collected at this time from the school library. Children who remain uncollected after 5.00pm will be placed in Playscheme and parents/carers will be charged £5.00 for their care. Please do inform the school if you are running late so that we can support you.

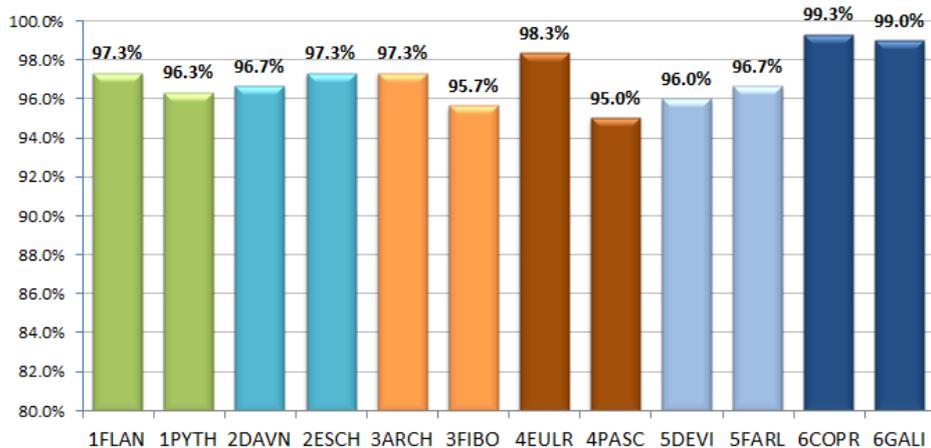
### Future Newsletters

For the remainder of this academic year we will be trialling producing a fortnightly newsletter instead of a weekly one. This means that there will be just three more newsletters between now and July. As always, the most current newsletter can be found displayed in the KS2 noticeboard and a few hard copies can be found in the office. All newsletters are also published online on the school's website.

### Attendance

Well done to Copernicus for having the highest attendance last week and Pascal for achieving 100% the week before. Both of these are excellent attendance figures and something to be celebrated. Our overall attendance for last week was 97.5%.

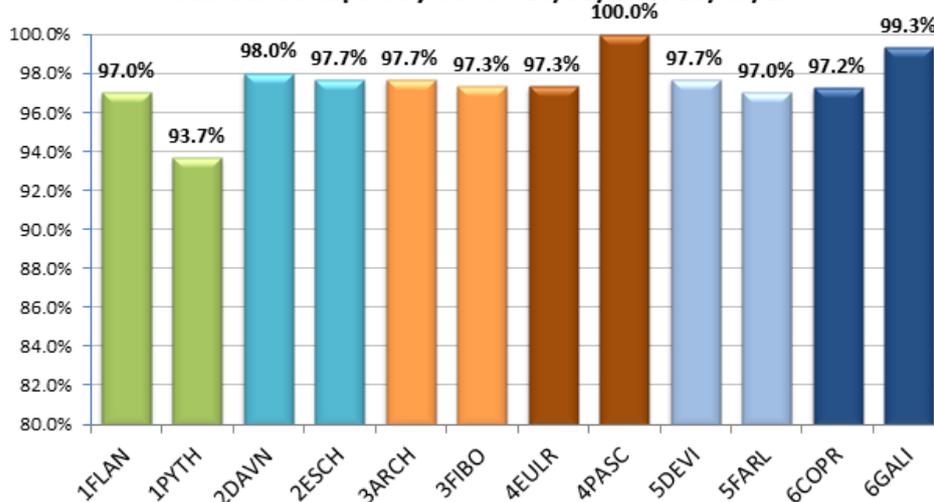
**Attendance Report by Form : 08/05/17 to 12/05/17**



You will be receiving a letter with this newsletter, written jointly by the school and Brent, which gives you full guidance around our response to any holidays taken in term time. This is especially timely with the summer holidays just around the corner. As with all correspondence, a limited amount of printed copies are also available from the school office.

Below shows a photo of two students from Da Vinci and Flannery who draw for the best attendance the week earlier. Well done!!

**Attendance Report by Form : 15/05/17 to 19/05/17**



DATE	YEAR	EVENT
Wednesday 24th May	1	London Transport Museum
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	5	Tower of London trip
Thursday 25th May	6	Cinema trip
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	WHOLE SCHOOL	Aspiration Day
<b>W/C Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY (school closed)</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	6	Banking lessons in school
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	4	Banking lessons in school
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	6	Oxygen trip
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	6	Banking lessons in school
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Selected pupils	Maths Wrangle
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	4	Cassiobury Park vtrip
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	6	Kidzania trip
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	6	City University trip
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	2 and 6	London Fire Brigade talk in school
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	6	Oasis Adventure Park trip
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	5	Cambridge University visit
Thursday 29th June	6	Kew Gardens trip
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	6	Buckingham Palace trip
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>TRAINING DAY – school closed</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>WHOLE DAY</b>	<b>Sports day (weather permitting)</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	6	Leavers Assembly (Time to be confirmed)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	WHOLE SCHOOL	Reports out to parents
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM (SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12PM)</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>1-6</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>