

Dear Parents/Carers,

With only three weeks left now until the end of term we remain incredibly busy and there is a lovely, hard working and enjoyable atmosphere in the school.

The children remain committed to their studies and have been enjoying a wide range of visits and experiences as part of their learning. We are beginning to look forward to those whole school events that traditionally mark the end of the academic year. I have included the details of three such events in this week's newsletter and we look forward to welcoming you to them.

Further details will follow nearer the time but do ensure they are in your diaries. Please see below for a range of news and events that I would like to share with you this week.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable week ahead

*Ian Doswell*

### Appointment of our new Deputy Headteacher

With my imminent departure, and Mr Watkins preparing for his role as Primary Headteacher from September 2017, it is my great pleasure to inform you that we have not one, but two new Deputy Headteachers who will take up their posts from September. Congratulations to **Miss O'Byrne** and **Mrs Oscroft** who will both have key aspects of the school to manage, as well as share the responsibility of deputising for Mr Watkins when necessary. Full information of next year's staff structure will follow before the end of term but, in the meantime, I am sure you would like to join me in wishing both Miss O'Byrne and Mrs Oscroft every success in their promotions—a testament to the wonderful contributions they have made to Ark Academy in recent years.



### Nursery and Reception

#### Open Evenings

#### for New Parents

Thursday 29th June 2017

We welcome all new parents and carers of children who will be joining our Reception and Nursery classes next year to an Open Evening on Thursday 29th June 2017.

**Nursery** parents are invited to attend a meeting at **4.00pm, in the Primary hall**, followed by a chance to look around the nursery and meet the staff.

The **Reception** meeting will take place in the **Primary Hall at 4.30pm**, followed by a chance to look around the school at 5.00pm.

Both meetings will be lead by Miss Devlin and other staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

## SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will take place in the morning of Friday 14th July 2017, weather permitting. Last year's format worked very well and we will again be inviting parents and carers to come along and support their children as they compete in a range of activities in teams.

This will be followed by the opportunity for you to enjoy a picnic lunch with your child on the lower field, after which you are welcome to take them home for the remainder of the day. Full details, timings and permission requests will be sent home to you shortly.

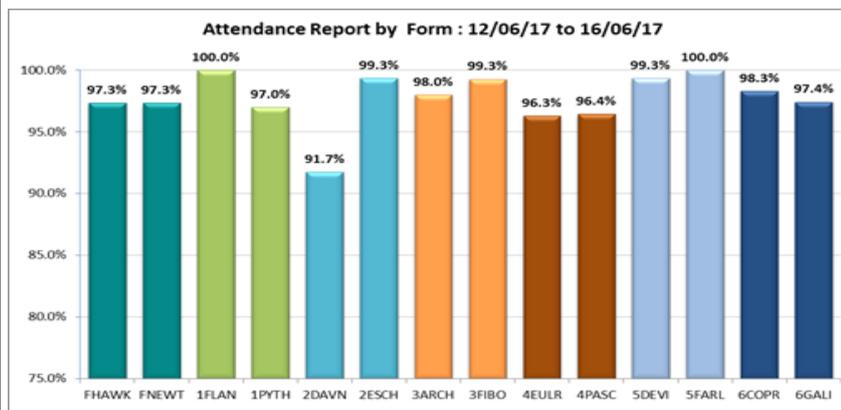


## International Day



International Day will again be a joint venture between Primary and Secondary this year and will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 12th July 2017, in the Secondary playground. The primary classes will once again be sharing a range of performances in the primary hall from 2.00pm. A letter will come home shortly for you to indicate if you will be attending.

## ATTENDANCE



Our attendance has again exceeded the school target. Well done to you all for an impressive 97.7% total attendance.

A special well done to families from Year 1 Flannery and Year 5 Farley classes, who have reached full attendance with 100%.

I look forwards to seeing this figure maintained in the coming weeks, especially in the crucial last week of term. Please be reminded that any leave must be approved by the school and I cannot authorise any holidays in term time.

## Poetry Competition

As part of this year's "I Love Chalkhill" festival, the organisers are running a poetry competition. The poem can be of any form and should be based on what Chalkhill means to you. Last year was a poster competition which we won, so we are keen to keep up our winning reputation! The event itself will be on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July** and the organisers are also looking for any children that want to dress up to join a carnival procession. If you are interested, come and see Mr Watkins.

To all families celebrating Eid, I would like to wish you all Eid Mubarak, from us all at Ark Primary Academy.

