

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well and have had an enjoyable week.

Today we celebrated Ark Primary's 8th Birthday with a special cake. Your child's class will also have received a tin of sweets from the school to mark the occasion and teachers will distribute these to the children. It hardly seems possible that it was a year ago when we celebrated our 7th, and I was amazed at how quickly the time has flown by and all of the amazing learning that the children have been a part of. A pertinent reminder that we need to make the most of every second, both in and out of school; that every day is precious and we should take every opportunity that comes to us. I am sure you join me in wishing our school a very Happy Birthday.

It was only last week that I was able to celebrate the beautiful weather and give a reminder about sun safety for the children. How quickly things change and it seems Autumn is now well and truly upon us as the temperature has dropped and the wetter weather has returned. Please ensure that your child has the correct outdoor coat for school for the coming colder months; this should be plain (no patterns) in either black, dark blue, dark grey or red. Please ensure that all items of school uniform are named clearly so that we can return any lost items to the correct child.

You should have received the Parent Calendar for this term, sent home with your child. If this is not the case please come to the school office where they will happily provide you with a copy.

Wishing you all a very happy and successful week ahead,

Mr Doswell

Roald Dahl Day

Friday we had some tremendous costumes for Roald Dahl day and we managed to raise a total of £124. This will be sent to the Roald Dahl Charity. Thank you.



Please be reminded that general safeguarding information can be found on our school website under the policies section. The Child protection officer for the Primary school is Ian Doswell, or Peter Watkins in his absence. If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child in our community please do not hesitate to contact them.

Core Value Awards

Pythagoras	Nicholas	Abdelmalek	Gabby	Starlite
Flannery	Ethan	Ruba	Ishe	Ali
Escher	Stefan	Diya	Imogen	Nishesh
Da Vinci				
Fibonacci	Yasir	Wares	Heer	Tomas
Archimedes	Isra	Asha	Armando	Dhiviya
Euler	Jemima	Daniel	Isma	Charlotte
Pascal	Aymeric	Mohamed	Daniella	Benjamin
Farley	Nabiya	Maxine	TJ	Judah
Devi	Nakeisha	Zain	Selma	Rudra
Copernicus	Mark	Hana	Alfie	Jahniya
Galileo	Zahra W	Abigail	Diego	Billy
Headteacher Award	Stephaine (Year 5)			

Safeguarding News—E-Safety Newsletter

As part of this week's newsletter I have also published a reminder about the importance of E-Safety for all of our children, both in and out of school. All children are currently studying aspects of e-safety in their classes, as part of their IT work with Mr Pompilis. Please refer to the E-Safety Newsletter with your child and take some time to discuss the contents. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this letter then please do contact me.

Home/School Agreement

Our updated Home/School agreement should now be with you and thank you to those parents who have returned it signed to school. This is a very important, and we hope useful, document that you can refer to so that you are sure of how we can all best support your child during their career at Ark Primary Academy. Please do share this with your child and make regular references to it at home and if you have yet to return it to your child's class teacher, please do so. We will then copy the completed agreement and send the copy home for you reference. All Home/School agreements need to have been signed and returned by Friday 30th September 2016. If you have any questions or comments about the content of the agreement do speak to me or a member of the SLT.

50 Things to do before you are 11 ¾

We are really excited to launch our 50 things to do before 11 ¾ inspired by the National Trust. You will be receiving a letter home about this shortly.

Further information on this can be found at:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50-things-to-do>

