

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are at the end of a very busy half term and I am sure the children are ready for a well-deserved rest. They have all worked so hard this term and I am very impressed with their resilience and enthusiasm. I hope you are able to join after school today (Tuesday 18th October) or tomorrow (Wednesday 19th October) to meet with your child's class teacher and find out about your child's many successes and what next steps need to be taken in order for them to continue to make great progress in the weeks and terms ahead. If you are unable to attend either of these evenings then do please contact your child's class teacher who will be very happy to make another appointment at a mutually convenient time. Please remember that the appointments this week are strictly kept to 10 minutes; if you feel you need a longer time with the teacher then please indicate this at the meeting so that further time can be set aside at a later date. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the coming evenings.

Each week we include our attendance figures for the previous week. Our attendance target for this term is 97% and we expect your child to be in school every day so that we can maximise every possible learning opportunity. Some classes have fantastic attendance this term, whilst others are falling well below our expected target. At this time of year, illness can become a problem as the weather turns colder. However, wherever possible, please ensure that your child is in school. If they are unable to attend you must inform the school office as soon as possible on the day of absence. All prolonged illness must be accompanied with a medical note wherever possible, and we would ask that you avoid taking your child out of school for medical appointments. If you require special leave for your child, please ensure you complete the necessary paperwork and I will consider your need for leave carefully. I will, however, not grant any authorised absence for holidays. Please do come and see me if you have any concerns and I will be more than happy to discuss these with you. I thank you for your continued support with ensuring we have excellent attendance at Ark Primary Academy.

On Friday 21st October we will be holding our Ark Academy Readathon in Primary. You should have received a letter with a sponsorship form which we would ask you to use to collect as many sponsors as you can with your child. Each year group will be reading for a set amount of time and we will be also selling cakes and hot chocolate after the event. Your child may also attend school on Friday in suitable non uniform for a donation of £1. We hope that this event will raise lots of money to be spent on reading books throughout the school. A letter has been sent home with your child today explaining how the event will be run on Friday. Please contact the school office if you have not received it. We hope you will be able to come to the event on Friday afternoon and support your child with their reading. If you would like to attend please sign the slip and return to the school office so that we have an idea of numbers.



I look forward to seeing you throughout this week and wish you all a very happy and enjoyable half term break

Ian Doswell
Headteacher

As the weather turns colder and the days get shorter, please ensure your child is wearing winter uniform to school. This includes an appropriate coat, which should be plain in design and be black, grey, dark blue or red in colour.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO BROUGHT DONATIONS IN FOR THE FOOD BANK. THIS HAS NOW BEEN COLLECTED BY THE WEMBLEY BRANCH TO BE USED FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE.

Please be reminded that school starts again on Monday 31st October 2016. Children should arrive at 8.20am ready to start learning at 8.30am.

Insert day this term are:
Monday 14th November
Friday 25th November
Monday 12th December

Core Value Awards

Pythagoras	Yashay	Rakeab	Eeman	Aliyah
Flannery	Layla	Diya	Ashrita	Etna
Escher	Hollie	Ilyas	Ritesh	Irtiqa
Da Vinci	Filip	Daliana-Debra	Ahmed	Angelika
Fibonacci	Fatima	Toby	Mayar	Sajad
Archimedes	Insia	Sasha	Pavel	Amy
Euler	Jemima	La'Rae	Eniola	Jahrell
Pascal	Helan	Cavan Nash Pinheiro	Alizah	Hannah
Farley	Adam	Prabhjot	Hibah	Samreen
Devi	Hasina	Tinsae	Mahek	Faraday
Copernicus	Gursimran	Rahul	Zina	Misha
Galileo	Abigail	Sienna	Ryan	Warsame
Headteacher Award	Abigail - year 6			

Attendance

Well done to Archimedes who had 99% attendance last week. Who is going to have the highest attendance next week?

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
FHAWK	97.33
FNEWT	92.67
1FLAN	97
1PYTH	97
2DAVN	96
2ESCH	98
3ARCH	99.33
3FIBO	94.67
4EULR	98.62
4PASC	95.33
5DEVI	94.67
5FARL	95.33
6COPR	96.33
6GALI	92.26
TOTAL	96.02

Year 5 Greek workshop



Music lessons



For those who have signed up, music lessons start the first week back after half term. Guitar lessons are on Monday, Keyboard lessons are on Monday and violin is on Wednesday. The timetables are displayed in the library and in the KS2 classrooms. If your child is learning violin or guitar, please ensure your child brings their instrument on the correct day. Any questions regarding music please contact Mrs Menia in the office before 2.30pm.