

Dear Parents/Carers

On Friday last week the primary children joined with the whole academy (secondary and sixth form) to mark Remembrance day. We all took part in a two minute silence and it was a very moving experience to have the whole school together in one place for something so poignant and important. The children behaved impeccably. Thank you to those of you who contributed to the poppy appeal and I hope to publish the amount raised before the end of this term.

This week sees Anti Bullying Week, which is a national initiative that aims to raise awareness of bullying and to give children an opportunity to explore ways to deal with bullying in greater depth. There will be two assemblies this week around the theme of bullying, and the children will be taking part in PSHE lessons in class that deal with various questions such as What is a bully? What does a bully look like? Who gets bullied? What should we do about it? If you would like any further information about this unit of work then do please see your child's class teacher, Mr Watkins or myself.

You will also have received a letter by email today regarding the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme that will be visiting our school on Wednesday 30th November 2016 to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. There will be a parent workshop on this day starting at 2.00pm, which you very welcome to attend. All details of the event is in the letter. Please let the school office know if you have not received it.

As the weather has turned wet and cold we are noticing more of the girls wearing boots to school. Whilst we have never stopped the children wearing boots please can I ask that you ensure they are plain, smart leather boots and not fashion boots (suede tassels, buckles, jewels and other decorations etc. are not permitted). Thank you for your support with this.

Christmas will soon be upon us and we have published the dates for our Christmas Celebrations in this week's newsletter. Full details will follow in the coming weeks, but do make a note of the dates in your diary.

Wishing you all a very happy week,

Ian Doswell
Primary Headteacher

Christmas Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th November — Training day—SCHOOL CLOSED
 Thursday 8th December – Christmas Lunch (starting at 11.30am)
 Thursday 8th December – Christmas Fayre (starting at 2.30pm)
Friday 9th December — Training day—SCHOOL CLOSED
 Monday 12th December – Reception Nativity (morning and afternoon performances, time to be confirmed)
 Tuesday 13th December – KS1 Christmas Performance (Morning and afternoon performances, time to be confirmed)
 Wednesday 14th December— Joint performance with Secondary (starting at 5.30pm)
 Thursday 15th December – KS2 Carols and Coffee Morning, for all parents (starting at 9.30am)



Open Sessions for Nursery and Reception 2017/2018

We will hold Open Sessions for all prospective 2017/2018 Nursery and Reception parents on the following days next week:

Monday 22nd November:
9.30am, 10.30am and 1.30pm.
Tuesday 22nd November:
9.30am, 10.30am and 1.30pm.

If you would still like to make an appointment to attend one of these sessions you will need to contact Mrs Clodagh Boyle (c.boyle@arkacademy.org)



Book Fayre

The Scholastic Book Fayre will visit school for the week, beginning on Monday 5th December – just in time to purchase books for Christmas!

We will also be running a competition for the children for a chance to win a Kindle fire, portable DVD player, set of films and books! Leaflets with full details will be sent home shortly.

	Persistence	Excellence	Civitas	Participation
Pythagoras	Lily	Tyrese	Ayaan	Chazayn
Flannery	Ridwan	Daruis	Keira	Sergiu
Escher	Ilyas	Saad	Dhruv	Manal
Da Vinci	Tanay	Aryaan	Bilal	Angelika
Fibonacci	Debra	Nethumya	Kavin	Fatima
Archimedes	Tyrese	Ranen	Tayvon	Amy
Euler	Eleina	Isma Daisy	Yusuf	Zakariah
Pascal	Cavan Nash	Zion	Mohamed	Shagira
Farley	Cheyne	Muzghan	Abdallah	Prashansa
Devi	Ashley	Kathrine	Santana	Victoria
Copernicus	Uzair	Tamanna	Eesa	Misha
Galileo	Ghofran	Natasha	Amir	Aditya
Headteacher Award	Preeanja in Copernicus			

Attendance

Well done Archimedes for having the highest attendance last week!!

CLASS	%
FHAWK	95.33
FNEWT	81.33
1FLAN	98.28
1PYTH	94
2DAVN	95.33
2ESCH	97
3ARCH	98.67
3FIBO	95.86
4EULR	97.33
4PASC	95.86
5DEVI	96.33
5FARL	96.67
6COPR	97.24
6GALI	94
TOTAL	95.22

ATTENDANCE COUNTS



EVERY DAY, ALL DAY

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