

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well and have had a good week. I would like to remind you that **week beginning 5th December** is **Assessment Week** for all of the children in Years 1 to 6. Please ensure that your child has sufficient rest (early bedtimes) and are in school by 8.30am each day so that they are able to do their absolute best in their end of term assessments. A report will be sent home with all children during the last week of the Autumn term to inform you of the outcomes of these assessments. In the meantime, if you have any concerns or questions please see your child's class teacher in the first instance.

I would like to apologise that we are still experiencing problems with putting the newsletters on our website. This is in hand and we hope it will be rectified shortly. In the meantime, please remember that newsletters are emailed to all parents/carers each week and also displayed on the school noticeboard by the main entrance. We also have a supply of printed copies in the school office and the admin team will be more than happy to provide you one of these if you require it.

Please be reminded that the school will be closed on **Friday 25th November** and will reopen on Monday 28th at 8.20am. We have one further training day on **Friday 9th November**.

Wishing you all a very happy and successful week ahead,

Mr Doswell

### BOOK FAYRE



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

We will also be running a competition for the children. Leaflets with full details will be sent home shortly.

### YEAR 6 SHOE BOX APPEAL



### ANTI BULLYING WORKSHOP

All children took part in anti-bullying week last week and we would love to share some of the children's work with you. You are all invited to our anti-bullying showcase where you will be entertained by the songs, performances, dances, raps and more from children in year 4 and 5.

The show will be on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 8:45am** in the hall. Please come along and show your support as well as learning about our school's key messages about bullying. This is a very important issue for all schools to address and it should also be a lot of fun!

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November is the "Go Green For Buddy Day", in association with the NSPCC and ChildLine.** The NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) will lead assemblies to all children from year 1 to 6 and follow up with additional classwork for year 5.

As part of our "Civitas" value we will be fundraising for the NSPCC on the day. We ask that the children wear green (it can be one item, a whole outfit or anything in between!) and bring in a contribution to the NSPCC. The contribution is at your discretion but we recommend from £1.

Finally, we would love to see as many of you as possible at the Parent's Workshop at 2:30pm. The NSPCC have teamed up with the mobile network O2 and they will be able to share key messages around cyber bullying and uses of technology, which we all need to be as aware of as possible. We very much hope to see you here for that.

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	Shanice	Nicholas	Aliona	Mary
Flannery	Norah	Hind	Elliott	Audrey
Escher	Amirdhini	Irtiqa	Efran	Dhanish
Da Vinci	Miguel	Francis	Prisha	Angelika
Fibonacci	Lareb	Debra	Zakariya	Kavin
Archimedes	Wafa	Armando	Dhiriya	Chai
Euler	Hakim	Dario	Kian	Sophia
Pascal	Faheemah	Zion	Nickeisha	Kaylah
Farley	Zain	Serene	Nabiya	Aamina
Devi	Sirapa	Nakeisha	Kavya	Asmagh
Copernicus	Zakariya	Eesa	Jermaine	Emilia
Galileo	Tomas	Daiana	Manas	Billy
Headteacher Award	Iqlaas - Pythagoras			

### CHRISTMAS CALENDAR



**Thursday 8th December** – Christmas Fayre (starting at 2.30pm)

**Monday 12th December** – Reception Nativity (time to be confirmed)

**Tuesday 13th December** – Year 1 Christmas Performance (9am and 3pm)

**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)

**Friday 16th December**—School ends at 12.00pm

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE AND MENU FOR THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.**

### ATTENDANCE

CLASS	%
FHAWK	93.97
FNEWT	97.5
1FLAN	93.97
1PYTH	98.28
2DAVN	94.17
2ESCH	98.75
3ARCH	98.75
3FIBO	90.95
4EULR	94.17
4PASC	97.77
5DEVI	99.17
5FARL	98.33
6COPR	96.12
6GALI	95
TOTAL	96.22

As you are aware, we strive for excellent at Ark Academy—our target for this year is **97%**.

We will be sending a letter to all families outlining the importance of good attendance and our approach to managing this. This is very similar to the letter you will have received in previous years, but serves as a good reminder and has some helpful advice.

Please let the office know if you do not receive this letter so that a further copy can be provided.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding attendance then do please make an appointment to speak to Mr Doswell, via the school office.

Well done to Devi who last week received the highest attendance for the week.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.