



# Ark Academy Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

You will have received the letter concerning **Parent Consultations**, which take place next week on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017**. Meetings will be held **between 4.00pm and 7.00pm** and you were asked to return your appointment preferences by last Friday. If you have still to arrange an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please do so before the end of this week by liaising with the teacher. Staff are currently organising schedules and you will be notified of your allocated time by the end of this week. Parent/Teacher consultations are a vital part of our reporting to you and gives you the opportunity to discuss any issues or concerns regarding your child, as well as be brought up to date with how well they are doing. We very much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next week.

If your child is in receipt of an IPP then you will have received a separate letter from Mrs Ocroft to inform you of dates and times for IPP surgeries this term. You will, therefore, not need to have an additional meeting with your child's class teacher as everything will be covered at the IPP meeting.

Our latest attendance figure is causing me some concern. Last week we hit an record low of **92%**, which is way below our target of 97% and not reflective of last terms excellent attendance. If your child is unwell and you feel they cannot attend school then please ensure you contact the office on the first morning of absence and continue to keep us up to date if your child is likely to be off school for more than one day. A written note is now also required on your child's return to school to ensure we have a record of reasons for absence. As you are aware, ***poor attendance for any child can result in a referral to the Brent EWO who may issue a penalty notice for prolonged and unauthorised absence***. If you have concerns regarding your child's attendance and wish to discuss the matter with me then please contact Ms Jacob, via the school office, who will be able to arrange an appointment for you. In the meantime, I would ask that we all continue to work together in partnership in order that your child has the best possible learning opportunities at all times. Your support in this matter is both necessary and very much appreciated.

On a more positive note, **very well done to the children in Pythagoras (Year 1) and Newton (Reception) classes who had the best attendance last week.**

There are a number of exciting trips and experience coming up in the next two weeks. Today sees Year 5 take part in a slavery workshop as part of their current topic, and Year 1 will visit the Brent Museum on Wednesday 1st February. Reception will be visiting the Natural History Museum on Monday 6th February and Year 4 visit the British Museum on Tuesday 7th February. Please ensure you have settled your Parent Pay account for any trip that requires payment. Please check with your child's class teacher if you are unsure about any aspects of the visit and they will be more than happy to help you. I am sure each experience will be a fantastic learning opportunity for the children and I look forward to hearing about the exciting adventures they are going to have.

On **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017**, we will be holding a non-uniform day. Children may come to school in their own clothes for a donation of £1. All proceeds will go towards supporting a Science Week that we wish to hold in the Summer term. Please ensure that your child is suitably dressed i.e. shoes and skirts are safe and sensible for school and that no jewellery, make up or items of value are worn.

Please be reminded that the **school closes for half term on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm** (normal finish time) and will reopen on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 8.20am**. The school is closed on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February for staff training.

Wishing you all a very happy and successful week ahead,

Mr Doswell

## Core Value Awards

13/01/2017	Persistence	Excellence	Civitas	Participation
Newton	Crystal	Nairit	Rukaya	Pulmeth
Hawking	Suhayb	Vanesa	Mustafa	Aaliya
Pythagoras	Soraya	Iqlaas	Nicholas	Yashay
Flannery	Keira	Ashrita	Ridwan	Ali
Escher	Lanni	Ritesh	Stefan	Reem
Da Vinci	Cleo	Aahan	Sami	Francis
Fibonacci	Kavin	Yvonne	Faybian	Alexander
Archimedes	David	Dhiviya	Tyrese	Ranen
Euler	Jahrell	Akshit	Charlotte	Isma-Daisy
Pascal	Chantelle	Akaash	Desire	Cavan Nash
Farley	Nikolas	Aamna	Nkechi	Abdullah
Devi	Damian	Massab	Sirapa	Sruthi
Copernicus	Dylan	Mark	Hela	Priyansha
Galileo	Patryk	Manas	Sana	Ghofran
Headteacher	Lareb — year 3			

20/01/2017	Persistence	Excellence	Civitas	Participation
Newton	Sophia B	Aafia	Zayd	Reece
Hawking	Sofia	Mahmood	Caira	Ryan
Pythagoras	Alishba	Lily	Ayaan	Kevin
Flannery	Layla	Ishe	Ruby	David
Escher	Shamiksha	Nishesh	Abdulnafi	Zoya
Da Vinci	Emma	Norman	Radhe	Daliana-Debra
Fibonacci	Zion	Debra	Aarish	Anthony
Archimedes	Kiana	Jaheem	Musab	Pavel
Euler	Ysabella	Charlotte	Karen	Jahrell
Pascal	Mahad	Hemil	Shagira	Tyler
Farley	Victoria	Maxine	Zain	TJ
Devi	Hasina	Ria	Temi	Salma
Galileo	Zahra	Victor	Jayden	Diego
Copernicus	Alfie	Zakariya	Zina	Rahul
Headteacher	Mark - year 6			

27/01/2017	Persistence	Excellence	Civitas	Participation
Newton	Siddharth	Ilyas	Sophia	Abigail
Hawking	Saachi	Bilal	Furqan	Loredana
Pythagoras	Nadia	Vithijan	Yashay	Rakeab
Flannery	Norah	Etna	Flavius	Audrey
Escher	Ayah	Johara	Saad	Isa
Da Vinci	Filip	Assowe	Bilal	Miguel
Fibonacci	Sajad	Morgan	Zaid	Myriam
Archimedes	Amy	Insia	Asha	Tyler
Euler	Akshit	Eleina	Ishaaq	Amina
Pascal	Mahad	Daniella	Zain	Hannah
Farley	Doren	Zaid	Victoria	Prashansha
Devi	Tinsae	Simeon	Nakeisha	Mahek
Galileo	Zahra W	Krish	Amari	Daiana
Copernicus	Sunshine	Eesa	Kia	Jahniya
Headteacher	Mohammed —year 6			