

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you!

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who contributed to our “Go Green For Grenfell” day—the school raised a grand total of £592.33, which has been sent to the charity to help support the victims and their families of this terrible tragedy.

Also, a big thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Nursery and Reception Open Evenings last week. They were very well attended and it was lovely to welcome some familiar faces and lots of new ones into the school in readiness for the start of the next academic year.

Sports Day

My apologies again for the change in Sports Day. I do hope you received the letters on Friday to say that this will now take place on **Monday 10th July** and NOT Friday 14th. The letter is important as you will need to complete the reply slip to say whether you will attend and then be taking your child away after the event. Please can I request that you all to return this slip no later than **Thursday 6th July** so that we have accurate registers on the day. This is essential for correct safeguarding of all of our children. We will also be able to ensure we have lunches available to those children who need them, *if* you have indicated this on the form.

Please note that year 6 children who would normally walk home alone may do so, but not until the usual time of 3.40pm. If you wish your child to leave after Sports Day, you will need to be present to collect them, as set out in the letter.

International Day

Please see the letter that was sent home on Friday and return the slip to the office, no later than **Thursday 6th July**, if you wish to attend our International Day concert. It will be in the Primary hall at 2.00pm on **Wednesday 12th July**. All details regarding our International Day are in the letter. If you have not received it, please go into the office to get another one. Children are allowed to wear international dress or colours of their flag on this day for a donation of £1.

The Ark Gala

Well done to all of the children who attended the Ark Gala at the Barbican on Friday. It was, as always, a fantastic showcase of the amazing talent that can be found across our schools and the children from Ark Academy were no exception. They sang and played beautifully. A huge thank you to Miss Burke for her time and energy in organising, rehearsing and encouraging the children to do so well.

School closed

Please be reminded that the school is closed for the day on this coming **Friday, 7th July 2017**. The teachers will all be attending the final Ark Network Moderation Day of the year. We will reopen as normal at 8.20am on Monday 10th July 2017.

Wishing you all a lovely week ahead,

Ian Doswell
Primary Headteacher

End of Year Reports

Your child's end of year report will be sent home to you during the week beginning 17th July 2017. For those children in Year 2 and Year 6, you will also receive SATs results at this time. Included in the report is a comment sheet that you are asked to complete and return to your child's class teacher.

International Day



International Day will again be a joint venture between Primary and Secondary this year and will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 12th July 2017, in the Secondary playground.

The primary classes will once again be sharing a range of performances in the primary hall from 2.00pm.

Ark Academy Presents

CREATIVE QUARTERS



Creative Quarters
An evening celebrating the Creative Arts
Wednesday 12th July
Doors for Art and DT Exhibition open at 5.30pm

Music, Dance and Drama Showcase
starts at 6.00pm
Adults £3.
Children £1.50
2 Adults £5

ART DRAMA
MUSIC DT

Our Primary choir and some of our instrumentalists will be taking part in the academy's music, dance and drama showcase entitled "Creative Quarters" on Wednesday 12th July 2017.

Tickets are available from the Primary Office, priced £1.50 for children, £3 for adults or 2 adults for £5.

Poetry Competition

As part of this year's "I Love Chalkhill" festival, the organisers are running a poetry competition. The poem can be any form and should be based on what Chalkhill means to you.

Last year was a poster competition which we won, so we are keen to keep up our winning reputation! The event itself will be on Saturday 15th July and the organisers are also looking for any children that want to dress up to join a carnival procession.

If you are interested, come and see Mr Watkins.

Congratulations!

I am very pleased to announce that Miss Sophie Vellacott (currently our Year 4 Euler class teacher and Phase Leader of Lower Key Stage 2) has been promoted to the position of Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for English, from September 2017.

I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success in her new role.



**In the Primary Gym
from 3.30pm**

Clubs will finish week commencing 10th July. As usual, we don't run clubs during the last week of term.

You should be receiving a letter for clubs and music lessons for September this week. Please follow the enrolment procedure outlined on the letters if you are interested in this for your child. Thank you