



Dear Parents

Remembering those who have made sacrifices and those who continue to do so has definitely been a key theme this week here at Ark Franklin.

Yesterday the whole school community marked the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month with a minutes' silence, and today our children wear red as we raise money for Children In Need.

On Wednesday, the School Council became the first group of pupils in the UK to join in the International Rescue Committee's fundraising campaign for Syrian school children, led by Donna Hirsh, our SEND Governor; see the article opposite for further details of how you can support this worthwhile cause.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, our very talented Shakespearean Players performed Twelfth Night at RADA. Twelve members of staff attended along with many family members; we were all so proud of their amazing performance.

Have a good weekend and we look forward to seeing you from 8.30am on Monday.

Warmest regards
Janine Ryan
Headteacher



School Council - Rebuild Healing Classrooms Challenge!

School councillors exercised their creative skills this week, working alongside our school SEND governor, Donna Hirsh, to launch 'Team ARK Franklin' in support of the International Rescue Committee's Healing Classrooms programme. We are the first school in Great Britain to participate in this global effort to provide displaced Syrian children with a place to learn, grow and thrive! School councillors have been invited to share their knowledge of pinwheel-making with their peers and the Bezos Family Foundation will match each pinwheel produced with a \$2 donation! See below link for more information: <http://www.rescue.org/blog/student-rebuild-challenge-syria>



Our Shakespearean Players



Headteacher's thought for the week

Pleasure in the task puts perfection in the work.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is 95.4% again this week, let's keep it up and hit our target of 96% this half term.



Ark Franklin Winter Fayre!

We are really excited to inform you that Santa will be bringing along two of his magical reindeer to our Winter Fayre on 10th December. There will be an opportunity to take photographs of your child sitting with Santa in his amazing sleigh and for the children to go and visit the reindeer. There will also be a post box for children to post letters to Santa in time for Christmas. All children visiting Santa will receive a special gift to take home with them to remember this exclusive event.

Tickets to visit Santa and his reindeer cost £5.00 per child and must be pre booked. They are available to order from Wisepay (go to 'Trips and Visits') or from the school office from today until Friday 27th November. **All adults must be accompanied by a child!**

Don't miss out, book now to avoid disappointment.



Main Reception Entrance

The front entrance on Chamberlayne Road should only be used in the rare instance when children are late to school.

All children participating in our pre-school provision **must** use the Nursery gate entrance on Harvist Road. The main reception entrance is no longer available.

Nursery and Reception Open Mornings

Spaces are still available on the following open mornings, if you wish to attend please call the school or email

info@arkfranklinprimary.org

Nursery open mornings:

25th November 2015

13th January 2016

9.30 – 10.30am

Reception open mornings:

Nursery parents who would like to apply for a Reception place are invited to join us on one of the dates below:

1st December 2015

11th January 2016

Important information regarding applications for Reception:

Who can apply

**Children born between
1st September 2011 and
31st August 2012**

**Deadline for
applications**

15th January 2016

All clubs are now up and running...

School Photographs

The school photographers will be in to take family portraits, individual student and staff portraits and sibling portraits on Monday 23rd November. **Please ensure that your child is wearing their full school uniform on this day. If your child has PE on this day, they are to come into school dressed in their full school uniform and are to bring their PE kit with them.**

We need your help!

We are still looking for any parent volunteers to help support our 'lending library' one afternoon per week.

The first Parent Association meeting took place yesterday. Please watch this space as future meeting dates will be announced as we look to vote in our committee members.

If you would like to participate in either of the above please email Mrs Piers: c.piers@arkfranklinprimary.org

For all key dates see our website!

10th December	Winter Fayre
Christmas performances:	
Monday 14th December	Reception Performance 14:15
Tuesday 15th December	Years 1 and 2 Performances Year 1: 10:00-10:30 Year 2: 14:15 – 14:45
Wednesday 16th December	Nursery Performance 10:00 Years 5 & 6 Carol Concert at St Johns 13:30
Thursday 17th December	Years 3 & 4 Variety Show (please note the change to the time) 10:00
	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th December	RE day (non-uniform day) Term ends
Monday 21st December to Tuesday 5th January	Christmas Break
Wednesday 6th January	Pupils Return