



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents / Carers,

As our 2014/15 academic year comes to an end, I want to thank you all for your support and commitment to ensuring Ark Franklin continues on its journey to outstanding.

We have had an incredibly successful second year, with highlights including, but not limited to: being the only primary in the Ark Shakespeare festival, at which the children received a standing ovation; winning the KS1 maths challenge; coming second in the debating competition; and third in the KS2 maths wrangle. In addition, there was our amazing Fork to Fork Food Festival, which we plan to repeat in June next year.

Last, but not least, the children's progress this year across the academy has been phenomenal; we are above national expectations in all year groups. In year 6, the number of children attaining their expected level 4 has more than doubled in the two years since we became Ark Franklin: well done to the children and their teachers. We wish all our year six children success in their secondary schools.

From September, on the days children have their PE, they will be expected to come to school in their Ark Franklin PE kit. Our PE uniform comprises of, black shorts and polo shirt with academy logo and black plimsolls or trainers for warm weather, and in the cooler months, grey jogging pants and polo shirt with logo, purple sweatshirt with logo, and again, black plimsolls or trainers. Please take time over the summer to ensure your child is correctly outfitted for their PE lessons. PE days for each year group are as follows:

Monday – Years 2 and 5

Tuesday – Year 4

Wednesday – Years 1 and 3

17th July 2015

Thursday – Reception and Year 6

Hope you have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming the children back from 8.30am on Thursday 3rd September.

Warmest regards
Janine Ryan
Interim Headteacher



Headteacher's thought for the week!

Aerodynamically the bumblebee shouldn't be able to fly, but the bumblebee doesn't know so it goes flying anyway.

Reception Sports Day and Teddy Bear's Picnic!

Reception children and parents enjoyed a fantastic day at Queens Park for our sports day and teddy bear's picnic. The children thoroughly enjoyed the races and receiving certificates for their hard work and effort. We then all enjoyed a fabulous picnic with our teddies and played some lovely games. Thank you to all the children, parents and staff for making this such a successful day.





Year 6 Trip to Brighton!

On Tuesday Year 6 travelled by train to Brighton. Activities involved creating a piece of art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy, paddling in the sea and walking on the pier. It was a great way to end a year full of hard work!



Class teachers for 2015/2016:

Please see below for another quick reminder of our new class names and teachers for the next academic year:

Nursery Roehampton class: Miss Beckett & Miss Mohamed

Reception Chester class: Miss Gudka

Reception Goldsmiths class: Miss Tekle

Reception Lincoln class: Mrs Whittington

Year 1 Birmingham class: Miss Manning

Year 1 Canterbury class: Miss Von Hagt

Year 1 Sussex class: Miss Mew

Year 2 Imperial class: Mrs Faryabi

Year 2 York class: Miss Pouso

Year 2 Leeds class: Mrs Adu Ayree

Year 3 Southbank class: Mr Prior

Year 3 Aberdeen class: Miss McKinnon

Year 3 Cambridge class: Miss Barta

Year 4 Middlesex class: Miss Newton-Deans

Year 4 Brunel class: Miss Anderson

Year 4 Cork class: Mr Coughlan

Year 5 Brighton class: Miss Penn

Year 5 Newcastle class: Miss McBirnie

Year 5 London class: Miss Harry

Year 6 Exeter class: Mr Williams

Year 6 Bristol class: Miss Lane

Our fantastic library book swap!



A message of thanks from Mr Prior:

We would like to thank all pupils and parents who donated some wonderful books to our library this week. We had great fun seeing you all walk away from the book swap with piles of books in hand!

Enjoy the reading over the summer and we'll look forward to welcoming you into our library in September.

Book donations can now be made directly to the school office!



Attendance

The whole school attendance for this academic year to date is 95.0%.

Classes with the best attendance for this academic year are:

Reception **Goldsmiths 95.3%**

Key Stage One (Years 1 & 2) **Newcastle 96.2%**

Key Stage Two (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) **Lincoln 96.1%**



Kiervey Dordas of Southbank class is our 3rd winner of the 100% attendance raffle draw!

Term dates

Please note the following dates:

Today, Friday 17th July	Summer Term Ends at 2.00pm!
Summer Holidays	
Tuesday 1st – Wednesday 2nd September	Staff Training Days
Thursday 3rd September	Pupils Return
Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September	Induction Meetings for Nursery and Reception pupils
Monday 7th September	Reception pupils start Nursery pupils will have a staggered intake during week commencing 7th September