



Ark Franklin Newsletter

22nd January 2016

Dear Parents

Thank you to all those parents who turned out for the second Parent's Association meeting on the 13th January, there are exciting plans afoot...

The first being a cake sale on Friday 5th February, further details will follow. Then, on Wednesday 2nd March, Franklin's Stay and Play sessions for the under threes and their parent/s will commence. These sessions are open to all younger siblings of current students and will be led by one of our parents, Veera Patel, in the Nursery parent room from 1.15-2.45pm. All are welcome, and in preparation, if you have any toys or equipment your own children have outgrown that you would like to donate to the group, then please drop them off at the school office. Finally, as you can see under the PA news section, there will be a quiz night on Thursday 3rd March: save the date.

Just a reminder: we have parent's evenings scheduled for the 10th and 11th of February, on these days there will be no clubs, and on the 11th no after school care either. As requested we will open up the KS2 playground for parking from 3.30pm, access to the building will be via the KS1 playground and through the dining room, where Orville will be serving refreshments. Letters to book appointments will be sent home next week.

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

Warmest regards
Janine Ryan
Headteacher



Headteacher's thought for the week

Do not learn how to react, but how to respond.

Attendance Alert!

Our whole school attendance for this week is still only 95.3%; don't let us drop any further, onwards and upwards is the Franklin way!

School Council

This week the school council have taken a hands-on approach to leading our recycling efforts at Ark Franklin.



The Big Bad Wolf stood trial this week in Year 2!

Year 2 exercised their democratic voting skills this week: the wolf from the well know story tale, Little Red Riding Hood was put on trial, for the crimes committed against Little Red Riding Hood and Grandma. Although the wolf put up a great defence, York Class found him guilty and sentenced him to life in prison!



Reception class have been exploring their environments this week...



Forming part of their 'understanding the world' topic study, Reception children Nicole and Rueben created their own underground tube signs in class yesterday. They are also excited to use their handmade Oyster cards!

Parent Association News

Our first PA event will be a Quiz night on Thursday 3rd March at 7:30 with complementary wine and refreshments. More details to follow, but save the date as it's going to be a fabulous night!

Should you need to contact the PA committee, please use the follow email address:

p.franklin@arkfranklinprimary.org

Clubs

Capoeira club is starting next Monday 25th January; there are still spaces available for this club. Please speak to a member of the office team if you would like your child to join.

Prompt payments for clubs confirm allocation of the place(s) requested. Outstanding payees, please make your payments online by next Monday 25th January.

Parents MUST collect their children on time.

Key Dates

Wednesday 10 th Feb	Parent's Evening
Thursday 11 th Feb	Parent's Evening & last day of this half term
Half term holiday: Friday 12 th Feb until Friday 19 th Feb inclusive	
Monday 22 nd Feb	Children return to school
Thursday 3 rd March	Parent Association Event: Quiz Night!
Thursday 24 th March	Last day of Spring term
Easter holiday: Friday 25 th March until Monday 11 th April inclusive	
Tuesday 12 th April	Children return to school
Monday 9 th May- Friday 13 th May	SATs Week (Year 6)

Parking on Kempe Road...

A plea from local residents: **please do not double-park** on Kempe Road when dropping off or collecting children from school. Parking wardens were issuing tickets at the end of last term and are likely to continue doing so.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for a site premises assistant and for a lunchtime supervisor. If you are interested in applying for these posts please drop an up to date CV off at the school office along with a letter of application.

