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Ark Franklin Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Unbelievably we have already come to the end of our first half term of the 2015/16 academic year, busy though it has been, next half term will be even busier, so brace yourselves.

Yesterday we held our first Happy Playgrounds tea party to celebrate great playground behaviour: well done to all those who attended.

For the last few weeks we have trialled year 1 being collected from the dining room. After monitoring the situation, we have decided to return to the collection of all year 1 and 2 children from the KS1 playground after half term. The combination of adults collecting from nursery and from the dining room at the end of the day is compromising the safeguarding of all our children; I hope you will support us in keeping all our children safe.

Sadly I have to report that a moped rider was knocked off on Harvist Road this week by a car driven by one of our school community. Each week I write and ask drivers to stop double parking and executing three point turns in the roads adjacent to the school, and now someone has been injured. I understand that some of you must drive our pupils to school, but please be mindful of other users of the road and local residents; we've had many complaints.

As part of our Open Air Classroom project, on Friday 6th November we will be doing an online survey with our children on their knowledge and understanding of food, nutrition, gardening and health so that we can develop our garden and resources to suit their needs. If you don't want your child to participate in this survey please inform the school office.

Have a great half term and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4th November from 8.30am.

Warmest regards
Janine Ryan
Headteacher



Headteacher's thought for the week

A wise man makes his own decisions, an ignorant man follows the public opinion.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the last two weeks has been just above 97%, pushing our year to date figure over 95%: keep it up, let's hit 96% after half term.

Children with 100% attendance for this half term were in our prize raffle today; winners will be announced after half term.

Dojos

This week the overall dojo winners for lower and upper KS2 were awarded a £10 book voucher!



Pupils who are awarded over 150 dojo points can select a lucky dip prize!

New entrance for Breakfast Club starting after half term:

After half term all children participating in our pre-school provision **must** use the Nursery gate entrance on Harvist Road. The main reception entrance will no longer be available.

Places are still available for the October half term play scheme...

Happy Playground Tea Party

Yesterday, some of our children had a wonderful time at the Happy Playground tea party. Each half term the teaching assistants and lead TAs choose children who show exemplary behaviour and attributes during break times. Well done to all who attended.



Important information regarding Clubs

Children who normally attend clubs on Thursdays will be asked to attend on Thursday 5th November to replace the session they missed on Parents' Evening.

Children will return to school on Wednesday 4th November. There will be no clubs running on Wednesday 4th or Friday 6th November: these will resume on Monday 9th November.

An update re Capoeira club: to date only nine children have signed up; 15 places need to be filled in order for this club to go ahead after half term: please sign up on our clubs board in the main Reception waiting area.

Key dates

26 th October -3 rd November	Half Term (Including staff training days)
4 th November	Pupils return from Half Term
10 th December	Winter Fayre

Year 6 applications to secondary school: the closing date is next Saturday, 31st October!

Poppy Appeal

Our school councillors will be collecting donations from now until the 12th November so please do bring any donations into school with you. The poppy is a powerful symbol - it is worn to commemorate the sacrifices of our Armed Forces and to show support to those still serving today and their loved ones.

