



Ark Franklin Newsletter

9th September 2016

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the long summer break. It has been a busy summer here at Franklin with much building work and renovations taking place both inside and outside the building; our new playground equipment is a great hit.

Next week we will welcome our new Reception pupils and also our nursery. Please bear with us as we build a new creative area for Reception, this rebuild will give our children an enhanced learning experience with a larger area for creative hands-on learning.

Our uniform identifies us and we are very proud of it; please ensure children are correctly dressed in full school uniform.

Mobile phones are not permitted at Ark Franklin, please ensure your child leaves their phone at home; the only exception will be for children who walk home alone, please send in a written request. Any phones seen in school will be confiscated and parents will need to come in to collect them.

Packed lunches and any snacks brought to school should be healthy and nutritious; chocolate, fizzy drinks and crisps are not allowed and will be disposed of.

Next week recommended reading lists will be sent home to help you support your child along the road to becoming an independent and enthusiastic reader. Year group curriculum overviews will also be sent home.

We have decided to call our after school care/extended day Paddington's to distinguish it from after school enrichment clubs.

Our enrichment clubs will commence the week beginning 26th September, please look out for the club offer over the coming week and sign up.

Meanwhile, over the next three weeks we are celebrating Roald Dahl, all year groups are focusing

on one of his books, culminating in a Dahl Day on Friday 30th September, when all are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite Dahl character.

On October 6th you are invited to come in and meet your child's teacher from 3.30-7.00pm.

Warmest regards
Janine Ryan
Headteacher

Headteacher's thought for the week

Rewards are most helpful and more enjoyable when they are unannounced in advance, when they come as a surprise, representing recognition and appreciation.

Attendance Update: to be an outstanding school we need to get our attendance above 96%; help us achieve that this year by having your child in school on time everyday.



Hanging out in our wonderful new playgrounds...

Over the summer holidays we have added amazing apparatus to all our playgrounds, the feedback from everyone has been overwhelmingly positive. To facilitate safe play please ensure children are wearing robust school shoes that velcro, lace or buckle, so that they can clamber and climb at will.

HELP: we really need more old shirts for our art and junk modelling materials, including empty handsoap bottles, which are great as paint dispensers. Thank you.