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Ark Franklin Newsletter

16th October 2015

Dear Parents

We have had another busy week here at Ark Franklin with the KS2 children enjoying an explosive time with scientists from the Royal Institute; who would have thought that flour was such a flammable material.

Yesterday we welcomed many of you through the doors for parent's evening, I hope that you find our new end of year expectations leaflets helpful in supporting your child to reach their targets: together we can make a difference.

Next Friday is the last day of this half term, we have decided to hold a non-uniform day to raise funds for more books for classroom libraries, all children are asked for a £1 donation; we will also celebrate Diwali as part of our RE curriculum.

On the subject of uniform, please ensure children are correctly attired each day. A number of children have been coming to school without their ties and in inappropriate footwear: black shoes only please, not trainers or plimsolls.

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

We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is **94.7%**. We still have much work to do in order to achieve our combined target of 96%!

Children with 100% attendance for this half term will be entered into our four prize draws next week – there will be one draw for each phase!

Parking and Pollution

Pollution along Chamberlayne Road is very high, this is in part due to the type of buses in use, and also, sheer volume of traffic; we can all help by walking to school whenever possible and by signing the petition below:

<http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/clean-buses-for-chamberlayne-road-corridor-kensal-rise/sign.html>

Double parking along the side roads near the KS1 and KS2 gates, that is Kempe and Harvist Roads, is leading to many complaints from local residents. Please be aware that traffic wardens have been asked to patrol these roads.



Dojos

This week Daniel in London class was one of our KS2 pupils who thoroughly enjoyed choosing his lucky dip prize (a creepy 'light-up' spider) after earning 153 dojo points! Well done Daniel!

Next week the overall dojo winner for lower and upper KS2 will be awarded a £10 book voucher!



Help is available for Year 6 applications to secondary school!

Parents who would like help with their applications can contact the school office to make an appointment **before Friday 23rd October**. Remember, the closing date is 31st October!

Important information regarding Clubs

Due to Parents' Evening there were no clubs yesterday and so, children who normally attend clubs on Thursdays will be asked to attend on Thursday 5th November.

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

Places are available for the October half term play scheme

Please speak to Marie Martin. **Bookings and payments must be made by next Wednesday 21st October.**

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.

The doors open for Breakfast club at 8.00am each morning.

Some more photos from our Exploding Food assemblies...

