



Many minds, one mission.



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Ark Franklin Newsletter

4th September 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the long summer break.

Visiting all the children in their new classes today it was wonderful to see nearly everyone in their full school uniform: keep it up, you all look so smart and ready to learn.

We have lots of new and exciting initiatives in place this year at Ark Franklin that we would like to share with you, plus a couple of requests...

Class Dojos have been introduced across the school as an interactive and visual way of celebrating the children following our school ARISE values. If you 'google' ClassDojos you will be able to see how child-friendly and positive this medium is.

Everyone is also busy working on their 'sentence', that is, what do they wish to achieve in life and what will others say about them when they have. For example, Florence Nightingale's may well be, 'She was a light in the darkness and saved many lives.' Talk to your child about it this weekend and help them create their sentence to share next week.

For homework this year all pupils will be expected to learn their weekly spellings, read daily, complete their mathematics and work on their 'Stretch Project.' This is an independent piece of research on a topic of their choosing, leading to an oral presentation by each child to their class in weeks 9 and 10 of this term; there will be a Stretch Champion each term. Stretch Projects have been introduced to give children some autonomy, to help them develop independent study skills and derive intrinsic value from their learning. In Nursery and Reception, we have chosen the topic of research and it is Australia for the Autumn term, to assist in developing their knowledge and understanding of the world. Children will have time and

support in school once every three weeks from our Stretch Project lead, Miss Hodge.

Miss Whalley, our Art specialist, would like to make a special request for any old shirts you can spare to be used as painting overalls for the children's art lessons – long-sleeved adult-sized shirts work best as they totally cover the children's uniforms. Any empty plastic water bottles would also be gladly received.

With thanks and warmest regards

Janine Ryan
Interim Headteacher



PE this term

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: 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 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

Thursday – Reception and Year 6

Headteacher's thought for the week

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit.

Class teachers for 2015/2016:

A quick reminder of our new wonderful teaching staff and class names for the new academic year:

Nursery Roehampton: Miss Beckett & Miss Mohamed

Reception Chester: Miss Gudka

Reception Goldsmiths: Miss Tekle

Reception Lincoln: Mrs Whittington

Year 1 Birmingham: Miss Manning

Year 1 Canterbury: Miss Von Hagt

Year 1 Sussex: Miss Mew

Year 2 Imperial: Mrs Faryabi

Year 2 York: Miss Pouso

Year 2 Leeds: Mrs Adu Ayree

Year 3 Southbank: Mr Prior

Year 3 Aberdeen: Miss McKinnon

Year 3 Cambridge: Miss Barta

Year 4 Middlesex: Miss Newton-Deans

Year 4 Brunel: Miss Anderson

Year 4 Cork: Mr Coughlan

Year 5 Brighton: Miss Penn

Year 5 Newcastle: Miss McBirnie

Year 5 London: Miss Harry

Year 6 Exeter: Mr Williams

Year 6 Bristol: Miss Lane

Year 6 Dublin: Mr Sexton

Art Specialist: Miss Whalley

Spanish Specialist: Mr Bell

Stretch Project Specialist: Miss Hodge

EAL Specialist: Miss Kowalska

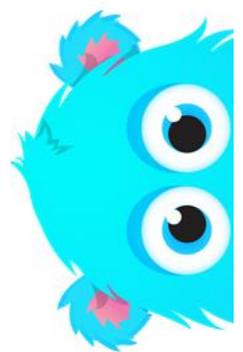


Kiervey Dordas of Southbank class was the 3rd winner of the 100% attendance raffle draw! Who will be our next winner? Remember, you need to be in school every day to be entered into our half termly raffle!

Term dates

7 th September	Reception pupils start Nursery pupils will have a staggered intake this week
26 th October - 30 th October	Half term
2 nd & 3 rd November	Staff training days
4 th November	Pupils return

Introducing ClassDojos!



Attendance Prizes: you could be the next winner!