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## Welcome

The first half term has been completed, what a fantastic start to the new academic year. As always there has been a lot going on at the academy over the last couple of weeks.

Thank you to all those parents that attended Parents' evening, it was a great success. This is such an important meeting when parents get to meet their child's class teacher to discuss progress and how they can help them at home. It is when we work together as a team that the children succeed, so thank you for coming along. It is always great to see you all.

We have lots of amazing events organised for next half term including an Asthma workshop for parents, Road Safety week with workshops for parents, a theatre group working with a group of children regarding road safety. They will perform in front of all the other children after rehearsing all day. We even have a pantomime booked nearer the end of term.

So it is full steam ahead next term. I hope you all have a lovely holiday and get plenty of rest.

**Mrs Twort – Head of School**

## Parent Pay

ParentPay is now officially up and running. Login letters will be sent home with children so that parents can create an account to pay for academy meals and trips. If you need help to do this please contact the academy Reception. Those parents that have already created an online account can now go into their accounts and allocate the money to pay for academy meals.

Thank you all for your continued patience while we have been setting ParentPay up.

## Academy Uniform Prices

- Academy Blazer - £29.50
- Academy Tie - £4.00
- Book Bag - £5.00
- PE Bag - £5.00
- P.E. T-Shirt - £4.00

## Lexia



Lexia is a well-established and proven by research, online tutorial program that helps children with their English skills. The program is essentially designed to support pupils through from Reception to KS3 and comprises 18 levels. Its early levels therefore focus on phonics but move through to a much greater focus on grammar and comprehension.

The program is available online and helps pupils to make better progress if they use it for a total of at least an hour per week (ideally in 3 x 20 minute sessions - tip though, allow longer than this for set up and put away). We certainly encourage all our pupils to engage in the program at home.

## Houses of Parliament Visit



On the day of the Houses of Parliament visit staff and children were very excited. The children had arrived on time and were also eager to hit the road! The day was excellent - we had a guided tour around the Houses of Parliament and the House of Lords; it was very interesting!

The children also created several laws and participated in the law-passing procedure.

It was a long day but thoroughly enjoyable - the children were a credit to themselves and to Ark Chamberlain.

## Travelling Book Fair



Thank you to everyone who supported the Travelling Book Fair. You have helped us to obtain some new books for our library.

## Kingswood

Pupils will be given the opportunity to go to Kingswood from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The cost of this trip will be £75. Letters will be given to pupils. Places are on a first come first served basis.

## Academy Meals and Packed Lunches

Can we please remind parents that if your child is having a packed lunch they must bring it with them when they come to the academy each morning. We have found that some pupils are lining up for academy dinners. If your child does this it will be logged on our accounts system and parents will be contacted for them to bring the money into the academy, to pay for this meal.

## Academy Lunch Menu



Please visit the website for the latest menu.

<http://arkchamberlain.org/life-school/healthy-school>

Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017: Week 4

## Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term Week
- Road Safety Week – Year 4 Parent Workshops – 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Staff Training Day
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Christmas Holidays
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Staff Training Day
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Pupils return to school