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Welcome

What a fantastic start to the new academic year! I have been very impressed with all the pupils who have come back to school ready to work hard and achieve their best this term. I have been especially impressed with our new Year 3 pupils who have settled in so well that it seems like they have been with us much longer than two weeks - well done Year 3.

It was lovely to see so many Y3 parents at the parent breakfasts last week; thank you to the parents who were able to attend. Don't forget there is a Head Teacher's coffee morning this Thursday 28th September at 9am, which is open to all parents across the academy. Please come and join me; it is always useful to hear your feedback about the academy. We also have our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week and the week after for each year group which are an excellent opportunity for you to find out information about the upcoming year and how you can support your child at home.

We already have some exciting opportunities for the children including a trip to Houses of Parliament last week and all the children going on the open top Big Birmingham Bus Tour; fingers crossed for sunshine!

Please continue to make sure your child arrives on time in the mornings in full uniform ready for the bell ringing at 8.40am. It is getting colder now so they do need to wrap up warm and bring a coat every day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Twort – Head of School

Parent Pay

Due to some technical issues we are still trying to get Parent Pay up and running but parents can still pay cash for school meals at the main reception until we have resolved all the issues. Could parents

please complete the letter sent home asking them what meal their child will be having and return the form to the academy a.s.a.p. Many thanks.

Contact Information

Please can parents ensure that they have provided the academy with up to date contact details.

We need an up to date address and telephone number to contact you in case of an emergency.

Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

September

Y5 on Monday 25th 9-9.30 a.m.

Y3 on Tuesday 26th 9-9.30 a.m.

Y6 on Wednesday 27th 9-9.30 a.m.

October

Y4 on Thursday 5th **October** 9-9.30 a.m.

Academy Photographs

On Wednesday 11th October the academy photographer will be coming to visit the academy.

Photographs will be available soon afterwards.

Music

Instrumental lessons will be starting this week, during lunchtimes, for years 3, 4, 5 and 6. This is a great opportunity to learn how to play a flute, fife or even a guitar! Could you be the next Chamberlain rockstar? Make sure you return your reply slip straight away to avoid disappointment. Please note, there is a cost for this club, see the club letter for more details.

Bali Rai Visit

On Friday 23rd June the award winning author Bali Rai came to visit Ark Chamberlain Primary Academy. Bali Rai conducted interactive assemblies and sold books. He was also interviewed by the Library Monitors and on Ark Radio.

Bali Rai replied:

“Thank you so much for sending on a link to the interview. I've just listened to it and laughed my head off! Please pass on huge thanks to Amilah - she is a brilliant interviewer! And also to Mr Pinnock for playing the Macka B tune! I thought the whole segment was very professional and it was a genuine honour to take part.”

Year 3 Science Experiment

To 'hook' our Year 3 pupils into our new story 'Booom!' by Alan MacDonald, the teachers created a volcano in the playground. They did the classic science experiment by adding Mentos to Diet Coke. As we had 5 bottles, it created a fantastic foamy outbreak – much to the delight of all Year 3 children.



Year 3 Parent Breakfast



Last week, Year 3 Parents and their teachers had the opportunity to sit down and have breakfast together. It was a wonderful opportunity for the parents to have an informal chat with their child's class teacher. We were treated to a delicious breakfast of croissants, toast and tea and coffee. Some parents enjoyed it so much they suggested it become a weekly thing!

Thank you to all the parents who attended and a big thank you to Mr Pinnock for organising it.

Academy Lunch Menu



Please visit the website for the latest menu.

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

Week commencing 25th September 2017: Week 3

Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 9th to Monday 16th October
- Travelling Book Fair
- Wednesday 11th October – Academy Photographs
- Monday 23rd to – Friday 27th October
Half Term Week
- Thursday 21st December – Tuesday 2nd January –
Christmas Holidays
- Wednesday 3rd January – Staff Training Day
- Thursday 4th January - Pupils return to school