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## Welcome

It has been another busy few weeks. All of the children have enjoyed a trip on the Big Birmingham Bus tour and they have been very excited to tell me all the new facts they have learnt about Birmingham! We also had a very successful trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and, as always, our pupils behaved beautifully and were a credit to the academy.

I have been very pleased to see the children working hard in the lessons I have visited. Our Parents' Evening next week - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October - will be a great opportunity for you to see your child's classroom; the work in their books and to meet their teacher. Please make sure you attend as you will receive important information about your child's progress and your child will receive three house points!

I look forward to seeing you all then.

**Mrs Twort – Head of School**

## Important – Old £1.00 Coins

From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 the old round £1.00 coins will no longer be accepted at Ark Chamberlain Primary Academy. Please ensure that if you are paying the academy, that only new 12 sided £1.00 coins are used.

## Uniform

We have had a large number of pupils arriving for school with no blazer, tie etc. Any items which are not labelled with the pupil's name are very difficult to identify in our lost property boxes – please can we remind you that all personal items must be **clearly** labelled with your child's full name and class.

## Marvellous Me



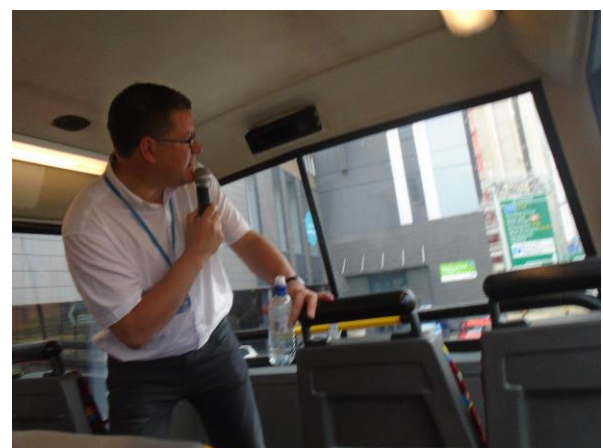
Marvellous Me is a simple app that engages parents by telling them wonderful news about their children's learning and positive behaviours.

You can celebrate your child's progress and get messages and reminders from your child's class teacher. Messages can be acknowledged by sending a Hi5 back.

This app can be downloaded on most tablets and mobile phone devices.

Codes for pupils have been issued. Please can you sign the Marvellous Me form and return it back to the academy.

## Bus Tour



The academy explored our beautiful city this week. We all had the opportunity to go on a guided Bus Tour. We saw the local community, then drove to different parts of the city seeing the sights: Jewellery Quarter, City Centre, Edgbaston, Birmingham University Campus, many churches, parks and beautiful buildings.

Our tour guide David was very knowledgeable and shared some amazing facts about the city and its history.

One interesting fact was that his mum used to live in the house at Ark Chamberlain School 65 years ago! In the picture below, he is proudly standing below the window where his mum lived!



The children were a credit to our academy as they displayed their impeccable behaviour and listening skills.

## Travelling Book Fair



The Travelling Book Fair will be in the academy on the 9th – 16th October 2017. The book fair will be held in the Library.

Children will be given 30 minutes to browse the fair with their classes. If they would like to purchase anything they can do so during their library session.

Each child will be given a leaflet which shows a selection of books that are available at the Book Fair. The books cover a range of ages and abilities. The leaflets also have an order form on the back. Please do not throw them away.

This order form can be used if items have sold out during the duration of the Book Fair. All children have to do is select the item that they would like to purchase and hand their order form and payment in to the library.

The items will be given to children as soon as they arrive in school. Every book you buy will help us earn free books for our library so please come along and support us and your child's reading.

## Academy Lunch Menu



Please visit the website for the latest menu.

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

Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017: Week 1

## Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
- Travelling Book Fair
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Pupil Photographs
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term Week
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Road Safety Week – Year 4 Parent Workshops
- 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