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Welcome

This week we hosted a group of teachers from South Africa that are taking part in the Ark Global Teaching Fellowship. They are visiting various Ark schools across the network. They were very impressed with Ark Chamberlain and it is always a pleasure to show visitors around our wonderful academy.

In the coming weeks we have so many things planned for the academy. We are starting off next week with our Anti-bullying week programme. This is packed full of activities, culminating in a theatre production that some of our pupils will take part in and perform to the rest of the academy. It is also Children in Need day on Friday 17th November, so we are having a non-uniform day and a cake sale, all donations will be going to this very worthy cause.

The following week is Road Safety week and Paul Da Silva from the BBC is coming to speak to the children about the importance of road safety. There are also some road safety workshops for parents of pupils in Year 4 planned. Please join us if possible, we are always happy to see parents at the academy.

We have reading workshops planned for parents of pupils in Years 3 & 4, so please look out for your invitation to attend and come along to find out how we support the children in their reading and how you can help them at home to progress even further. A love of reading is a life skill that will hold the children in good stead for the rest of their lives.

Before we know it the Christmas festivities will begin and there are a lot of fun events planned for the pupils.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I know that together we are making a massive impact on the lives of our children.

Mrs Twort – Head of School

Medical Appointments

Pupils will not be able to leave the academy early unless they have a hospital appointment. Parents will need to bring in evidence of this. Dental and doctors' appointments can be made for after school.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Mr Campbell-Cave



Congratulations to Mr Campbell-Cave who ran the marathon in 2 hours and 58 minutes and ten seconds and raised over £415.88 for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Former Students

Are you a former student of Ark Chamberlain Academy (Oldknow School)?

Have you gone on to achieve great things, or are you on your way to achieving your goals in college or university?

If this applies to you or a member of the family, you could earn a place on our 'Wall of Fame'!

If you're interested, please contact the academy and ask to speak to Mr Pinnock or Mrs Hussain.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week will take place on Monday 13th November 2017 to Friday 17th November 2017.

Anti-Bullying campaign's tag line this year is 'All Different All Equal' promoting difference and equality in schools.

As a school we do not accept bullying of any kind, bullying will not be tolerated at Ark Chamberlain Primary Academy! We are vigilant at looking out for early signs and the teachers also regularly talk to the children about the importance of treating everyone equally and fairly. Mrs Hayre and Mr Jamal (Learning Mentors) are always available if a pupil or parents need to talk about a worry or concern.

What we do:

- Open door policy and are able to support pupils ASAP.
- Support parents.
- Worry boxes in classes that are regularly checked and problems resolved.
- Mentoring (self-confidence sessions)
- Peer Mediators/Play leaders to support pupils in the playground.

During Anti-bullying week:

- Anti-bullying assemblies.
- Drama workshops to deliver the message of defeating bullying.
- Selling wrist bands and cakes and wearing blue to raise funds for the anti-bullying charity.
- Class activities (Art work and circle time)

For further information please feel free to talk to Mrs Hayre or Mr Jamal.

Children in Need



BBC Children in Need is a charity that supports and helps disadvantaged children and young people in the UK.

Since 1980 it has raised over £600 million to change the lives of disabled children and young people.

Their vision is that every child in the UK has a childhood which is:

- Safe
- Happy and Secure
- Allows them the chance to reach their potential

What do they do?

They provide grants to projects in the UK which focus on children and young people who are disadvantaged, by supporting small and large organisations to empower children and extend their life choices.

Currently they are supporting 2,400 projects all across the UK. The projects they fund help children facing a range of disadvantages for example poverty and deprivation; children who have been the victims of abuse or neglect or disabled young people.

On Friday 17th November 2017 we are having a non uniform day and asking children to donate £1 for Children in Need. We will also sell cakes and anti-bullying wrists bands from our Anti-bullying week to support Children in Need.

Help us to make a difference!

Academy Lunch Menu

Please visit the website for the latest menu.

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

Week commencing 13th November 2017: Week 2

Dates for Your Diary

- 13th – 17th November 2017 – Anti-Bullying Week
- 17th November 2017 – Children In Need
- 22nd – 24th November 2017 - Road Safety Week – Year 4 Parent Workshops
- Friday 8th December – Staff Training Day
- Thursday 21st December – Tuesday 2nd January – Christmas Holidays
- Wednesday 3rd January – Staff Training Day
- Thursday 4th January - Pupils return to school