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## Welcome

It has been another busy few weeks at Ark Chamberlain. The children have been working very hard and hopefully our assessments this week will reflect this. We had an Ark monitoring visit last week which shows the academy is making great progress. The inspectors were very impressed with the academy particularly the positive attitudes of the children and their exemplary behaviour, I was very proud of them! Our reading workshops for Year 3 and Year 4 were very well attended with positive feedback from parents; thank you to all those who attended. Year 5 and Year 6 workshops will follow in the Spring Term.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable end of term with a pantomime, Christmas jumper day, Anglo Saxon workshops and the Year 3 concert. I hope you all have a relaxing holiday, enjoy spending time with your families and I look forward to seeing all the children back on the 4th January.

**Mrs Twort – Head of School**

## Christmas Jumper Day



On Wednesday 13th December we will be raising funds for the Save the Children charity. It will be a non uniform day.

Pupils are

encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper or something red. Donations of £1 each will help this worthy cause.

## Academy Uniform

Academy uniform prices will be increasing as of January 2018. The new prices will be available from the office on request or by going online.

## Road Safety Workshops



Year 3 had a wonderful experience learning all about Road Safety with Mr DaSilva. Each class had an opportunity to attend a workshop

where they got to practise the Green Cross Code as well as Being Seen at night. Children were reminded to look left, right, look and listen. Be safe, Be seen! Wear bright clothes at night.

## Birmingham City Missions



On Tuesday 21st November 2017, Ark Chamberlain were privileged to be in the company of Matthew from the Birmingham City Mission team. The

Mission runs many projects throughout the city where there is need, offering friendship and support to the homeless, elderly, young and those struggling with poverty.

Matthew is able to draw on the commonalities of each faith, where on this occasion it was about the importance of sharing.

The children were spell bound as he cleverly revealed the message in his story by painting in words and pictures during his story telling.

## Arty-Facts Theatre Company



On Friday 24th November, all children in year 3 took part in a Roman workshop led by Arty-Facts Theatre Company. Children had

the opportunity to be a roman for the day, see what slaves had to experience, what centurions did and experience life in Rome.

They acted out various scenes and participated fully in all activities. It was also lovely to see some children (and teachers) dressed as romans for the day.

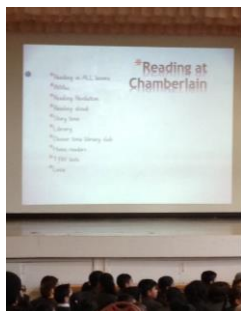
## Konflux Theatre Company



The Konflux Theatre Group worked with a group of selected pupils on their 'Streets Ahead' Road Safety Play in a Day Workshop'.

Over the course of one day the children worked on exercises designed to build confidence and encourage teamwork. Then they were given lines from the 'Streets Ahead' script. At the end of the day they performed the play for year 3 and invited guests.

## Reading Workshops



On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December parents were invited into the academy for our Reading workshops.

The teacher started the session by teaching parts of a Read Write Inc lesson and a reading lesson to the parents and

children that attended. Parents then had the opportunity to sit with their child and use similar strategies to help them with their reading. At the end of the workshop the teacher highlighted key strategies that parents could use at home to help their child make progress in reading. Parents were also given an opportunity to ask their child's class teacher any questions about what they already did at home. They could also ask about any further strategies that they wished to use with their child. The workshop was approximately one hour long and parents were given an opportunity to give feedback on the session.

## Safeguarding



Tips for staying safe on the internet

- Don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number.

- Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
- Keep your privacy settings as high as possible.
- Never give out your passwords.
- Don't befriend people you don't know.
- Never meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do.
- Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are.
- Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude.
- If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website and tell a trusted adult immediately.

## Academy Lunch Menu

Please visit the website for the latest menu.

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

Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017: Week 2

## Dates for Your Diary

- 11<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – British Sign Language Assemblies
- 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – Anglo Saxon Visitor – Year 4
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Concert – Choir and Instrument
- 19<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 Christmas Concert
- 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