



## Welcome

I hope you all had a restful half term and enjoyed the break. It's been a busy first two weeks back. We had a visit from some Ark Head teachers, who came to look at the work we do in the academy, and they were very impressed with the children. They said they were welcoming, keen to learn and very respectful which was great to hear.

It was also lovely to see some parents at our coffee morning this Tuesday - thank you to those who came and enjoyed chocolate cake and cup of tea. We really value your feedback; one key message was that some parents felt they would like to know how to help their children more at home. As a result, we are planning INSPIRE parent workshops for the Spring term and there will be a SATs workshop for Year 6 parents this term too. Please come and join us for our next coffee morning and let us know your thoughts.

**Mrs Twort – Acting Head of School**

## Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 14th November 2016 to Friday 18th November 2016

For Anti-Bullying week this year's campaign is called 'Power for Good'. The campaign encourages individual and collective action to stop bullying. The key aims from the Anti-Bullying Alliance ABA are:

- To support children and young people to use their Power for Good – by understanding the ways in which they are powerful and encouraging individual and collective action to stop bullying and create the best world possible.
- To help parents and carers to use their Power for Good – through supporting children with issues relating to bullying and working together with schools to stop bullying.
- To encourage all teachers, school support staff and youth workers to use their Power for Good – by valuing the difference they can make in a child's life, and taking individual and collective

action to prevent bullying and create safe environments where children can thrive.

Bullying and falling out can be confused. Bullying is defined as behaviour that is:

- Repeating- Bullying someone constantly hurting someone else on purpose.
  - Intended to hurt someone either physically (Punching and kicking) or emotionally (Calling names, teasing, or being mean).
  - Often aimed at certain groups, e.g. because of race, religion, gender or difference.
  - Bullying can also be done over the internet, using mobile phones, cameras and other technology and social websites such as 'FaceMe' or 'Facebook'. This is called Cyber-Bullying.
- 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 talk regularly 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:

- We have an 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)
- We are going to train children to be 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 fund raise for anti-bullying charity.
- Class activities (Art work and circle time)

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

<http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/>

## Year 5 and 6 Parent Meetings



This was a great opportunity for the teachers to introduce themselves, explain about academy procedures, talk about the curriculum for the year ahead and answer any questions. It was wonderful to meet the parents and the feedback we received was very positive!

## Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held on Thursday 8th December. If you have any questions or concerns you can speak to your child's class teacher at any time.

## Houses of Parliament Trip

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, some of the class councillors will visit the Houses of Parliament.

This will be an exciting trip for them. They will be taking part in workshops and touring the buildings.

We will be travelling by coach and children will be supervised by academy staff at all times.

Children should arrive at the academy at 6.50 a.m. in their full academy uniform. We will leave the academy at 7 a.m.

## ICT Workshops for Parents



Cyber School has started. Ten of Small Heath's finest ladies launched themselves into Cyber Space and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to begin the five week ICT course for parents.

They will navigate their way through safe children's browsing and on-line shopping if there's anything left on the credit card! They will also design and print their own party invitations.

They will be able to e-mail the details. There are still a few places left so feel free to come along.

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Teacher Training Day

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-Bullying Workshops

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – House of Commons Visit

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Road Safety Week  
**-Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – British Sign Language Christmas Assembly

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Parents Evening

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Teacher Training Day

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Holidays – Pupils finish at 13:00pm