



Welcome

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and that all our pupils are ready for the new academic year. This is a really exciting time for Ark Chamberlain with our new curriculum taught by specialist teachers and we hope the children enjoy these fantastic opportunities.

I'm looking forward to your continued support in ensuring your child is at the academy on time, every day and ready to learn so that we can work together to enable your child to achieve their full potential this year.

Hopefully, this newsletter will keep you up to date with academy news. If you need any further information please see your child's class teacher, our Parent Support Advisors - Mr Pinnock & Mrs Hussain - or have a look on our website.

Mrs Twort – Acting Head of School

Uniform

The academy office no longer keeps stocks of uniform for parents to buy, with the exception of ties which we do have in stock. Other uniform items need to be ordered from the uniform supplier. We have an order form at the office for parents to complete and hand in, together with payment in cash. The office will then place the order with the supplier, and the uniform will be delivered direct to the academy. The office will let parents and carers know when it has arrived.

Planners

The children have now all been given their own planners. These are to be used to log their homework for the week, spellings to learn, useful messages and to be used as a reading log. These must be in the academy daily and written in by you every day when your child reads. There is space for you and your child's teacher to sign every week. It also contains some great learning resources for your child to refer to.

Please ensure that you and your child have signed the academy agreement on page 11.

Water Bottles

We have ordered new water bottles for years 4 to 6 (year 3 received theirs at the start of term). Until they get here (in a couple of weeks), could parents and carers please ensure their child brings in a water bottle from home to make sure they are hydrated.

The Curriculum

The children at Chamberlain have an exciting curriculum planned for them! This means children will enjoy a range of subjects including music, art and design, Spanish, computing, PE and science, as well as English and maths. We have specialist teachers delivering some of these subjects.

Specialist teachers

Mr. Marks and Mr. McMahon - PE

Mrs. Ayling - Music

Mrs. Ferron - Science

Mrs. Westwood - Art and Design



In addition to this, after building work last year, we are now able to use the gym and science laboratory regularly. Having the extra space is a valuable asset for the children and will enable them to get the very most out of lessons.

Secondary Transfer

The time has come for Year 6 parents to choose which school you would like your child to transfer to next September when they leave Ark Chamberlain academy. This is a very important decision, and we would like to assist you in making sure that the form you have to fill in is completed correctly so that you are allocated the school of your choice.

In order to hand out the preference forms and provide you with information, two parent meetings have been arranged for Tuesday 21st September 2016. The morning session will be held at 9 am and an afterschool session will begin at 3.30pm.

All meetings will last approximately 20 minutes. At this meeting, staff will hand out preference forms and will provide you with the dates for open days for secondary schools in the local area. It would be a good idea for you to start to consider the six schools you wish to apply for on your child's preference form.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting as your child's future depends on the choices you make now. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Chamberlain Chronicle

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to write for our academy newspaper.

We are looking for a new journalism team, photographers and sports writers, poets, short story writers, crossword compilers and a marketing team.

If children want to apply, they need to submit either an application letter, some examples of their fabulous photographic skills, posters to advertise the newspaper, an article (about anything) or a short story. This needs to be given to their class teacher by Monday 19th September 2016.

Children who are selected to be part of the team will bring a letter home on Wednesday 21st September 2016. This needs to be returned to school by Friday 23rd September 2016.

The club starts on Monday 26th September 2016 from 3.30 p.m. – 4.30p.m .

This is a brilliant opportunity for future journalists. This will help to develop your child's skills in many areas such as writing skills, leading a team, communication, project management, ICT & publishing skills.

Jeans for Genes Day

Jeans for Genes Day will be held on Friday 23rd September 2016.

Children will be able to wear a pair of jeans with the rest of their academy uniform. Children will be able to donate a £1 for this purpose and all proceeds will go to charity.

The money raised on Jeans for Genes Day, helps the 500,000 children living with a genetic disorder in the UK.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 20th September – Secondary Transfer Parents Meeting

Friday 23rd September - Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 30th September – Make the Grade Wow Day

Wednesday 5th October – Academy Photographs

Thursday 6th October – National Poetry Day Competition

Monday 10th October – Book Fair arrives

Monday 24th October – Half Term Week
-Friday 28th October

Monday 31st October – Teacher Training Day

Thursday 3rd November – Nick Arnold Author Visit

Monday 14th November – Teacher Training

Friday 9th December – Teacher Training Day

Friday 16th December – Christmas Holidays