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Welcome

Welcome back everyone; I hope you all had a lovely holiday. We had a great end to last term with the amazing Christmas concert and Lion King performance. It was also great to hear that we raised nearly £500 for the Poppy appeal.

The spring term is going to be an exciting term for Ark Chamberlain with a really interesting curriculum planned in - you will receive a curriculum newsletter with more details of this - as well as trips, visitors and a range of clubs happening each week.

Please look out for the upcoming reading workshops for you to come in & work with your child and learn how to support their reading at home. I'll also be having a coffee morning, in a few weeks which all parents are welcome to!

Please continue to support us by ensuring your child is in school, on time, every day and ready to learn. Together we can make this a very successful term for all our pupils at Ark Chamberlain.

Mrs Twort – Acting Head of School

Academy Day

Please ensure your child is on time for school every day. Children need to be on the playground **no later than 8.40am**. Please remember that the academy day finishes at **3:15pm** and children must be collected by this time. We have an increasing number of children being collected late at present.

Contact Information

Please can you ensure that you have provided the academy with your contact details. We need an up to date address and telephone number to contact you in case of an emergency.

Absence

If your child is absent from the academy you must phone each day they are absent and let us know why (0121) 464 8771. If we do not receive a call, then one of our parent support advisors (Mr Pinnock or Mrs Hussain) will call you to ensure that your child is safe.

Breakfast Club



Breakfast club runs every single morning and is run by academy staff. Pupils can attend for one day, two days or every day. The club runs from 8am – 8.25 a.m. We provide a range of cereals, toast and juice that are totally free of charge. We also offer the following items at a very small charge.

- beans on toast 25p
- beans on toast with cheese 40p
- cheese on toast 25p

Year 6 boosters

The year 6 children are working hard to prepare for their SATs. We will shortly be sending out more information about additional after school boosters to help your child. If your child is chosen it is **vital** that they attend **every** session. Thank you for your support.

Poppy Appeal



The Royal British Legion has a fundraising campaign that is held every year in November. Poppies are sold to raise vital funds to help the Armed Forces community. At Ark Chamberlain staff and pupils managed to raise the grand total of **£492.70**. A big thank you to everyone who helped to support this worthy cause.

Music

Year 5 are planning a music production this term. The production is 'A midsummer night's dream' this exciting show will have a Punk Rock theme!



There is a music competition running this term called Battle of the Bands.

This is open to all children in year 5 and 6. Children will create bands in their class groups and battle against each other in a competition. The judges will choose and crown the best band. Good luck everyone!



Academy Nurse

Our academy nurse is offering friendly, confidential advice and support for any parents who have concerns about their child's health. If you are worried about any condition your child may have, or any undiagnosed problem or issue then our academy nurse will be happy to meet with you.



He will be in school from **9.00 - 10.30 am** on the following dates

- Friday 13th January 2017
- Friday 27th January 2017
- Friday 10th February 2017
- Friday 24th February 2017

Dates for Your Diary

- 16th February 2017 - Music Concert
- 20th – 24th February 2017 – Half Term Week
- 17th March 2017 – Teacher Training Day
- 20th – 27th March 2017 – Travelling Book Fair
- 5th April 2017 – Musical Production
- 10th – 21st April 2017 – Easter Holidays