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Welcome

What a busy few weeks! Last week we had a visit from Ofsted with some really positive outcomes - I can't wait to share this with you when the report is published after the Easter holidays. Last week we celebrated Red Nose Day and raised nearly £800 - how fantastic! This week was World Autism Awareness Week and in order to celebrate, we had some fundraising with children selling Autism posters, quizzes and pencils! We also had some really interesting assemblies and a coffee morning to raise the awareness of Autism across the school and community. We are now busy planning the summer term with lots of trips, visitors and activities - it is going to be a really exciting term for all the children.

Mrs Twort – Head of School

Year 3 Trips



An exciting trip for Year 3 children is being organised for the Summer Term, which will include the following activities: a healthy walk to

Small Heath's train station; a relaxing train ride to the second largest city in the United Kingdom (Central Birmingham); a fun-packed Science/History workshop at the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery; and an opportunity to spend quality time at Birmingham Library where pupils will have time to enjoy reading and learn how to make the most of the library services.

In the Summer Term, Year 3 pupils will also be participating in an exciting Lego Robotics Workshop! Children will have the opportunity to build and programme their own model using algorithms!

Year 4 Trips



As part of our 'Life as a Brummie' unit next term,

Year 4 will be going on a number of trips to enrich our learning experiences. These will include seeing Birmingham landmarks and visiting the famous Cadbury World.

S.A.T.S. Update

Year 6 are working incredibly hard this year with only 5 school weeks remaining before the big day! Huge progress has been made and we now have more children than ever achieving Age Related Expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths. A big thank you to those children who are putting in 100% in every lesson - keep it up! The year 6 teachers and I are very excited about the fantastic results we are sure will be achieved!

Miss Brinkworth - Head of Year 6

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.

Academy Lunch Menu

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

Week commencing 3rd April 2017: Week 2

Ark for Art

Pupils from Ark Chamberlain were shortlisted for the Art for Ark competition which took place on the 23rd March 2017. We are delighted to announce that some of their pieces have raised funds for the academy's art department:



- Wonderland, Iman Benkhay: £100



- The tree, Faathima Islam: £500

Students who had their work auctioned will also be receiving £50 Amazon vouchers in the post as a thank you for their efforts. They will also receive a couple of copies of the event brochure in the post.

Thank you so much to all students who submitted work for the competition.

Red Nose Day



Red Nose Day is a UK-wide fundraising event organised by Comic Relief every two years. The aim was to "bring about positive and lasting change in

the lives of poor and disadvantaged people, which we believe requires investing in work that addresses people's immediate needs as well as tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice". The academy office sold red noses on the day for £1 to raise funds for Comic Relief. Pupils were encouraged to help us to raise funds for this worthy cause by bringing a donation of £1. The children were allowed to wear a red hair band and red socks to support this charity. They were also allowed to wear casual clothes. Thank you for your support. It was a great day enjoyed by all!

Playground Project

As you know and see, our playground could do with a makeover so that our children can have an exciting, engaging and enjoyable play at break times and lunchtimes.

The academy council has a challenging job on their hands!

They will be running the development project. The academy council have launched the project by holding whole school assemblies and sending out questionnaires for ideas. From this, the academy council will put the ideas together and start the process of tendering for contactors. We are hoping the work will be completed in the summer holidays for a brand new play area for our children in September!

We will keep you updated on the progress.

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.

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| • beans on toast | 35p |
| • beans on toast with cheese | 50p |
| • cheese on toast | 35p |
| • one serving of toast, juice and cereal | Free |

Dates for Your Diary

- 5th April 2017 – Musical Production
- 7th April 2017 – Easter Holidays (Pupils finish at 1.00 p.m.)
- 24th April 2017 – Academy open for pupils as normal
- 28th April 2017 – World Book Day
- 8th – 11th May 2017 – SATs Week
- 26th June 2017 – Teacher Training Day