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Welcome

It has been an eventful few weeks especially with the unexpected snow day! It was a shame we had to close and postpone Chamberlain Book Day but the safety of pupils and staff is always our priority. We have rescheduled our visit from author Julia Golding and Book Day to Thursday 15th March. I can't wait to see all the children's costumes!

We have done an analysis of the surveys you completed at Parents' Evening and they were overwhelmingly positive. Over 96% of parents feel their children are safe, happy and make progress at the academy. If you do have any questions or would like any more information- especially on our behaviour systems and how we would deal with any bullying - please attend one of the meetings on Wednesday 14th March 2018 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. or 2.30 p.m. – 3.10 p.m.

Year 6 have also been allocated their secondary school places which is very exciting - I can't believe how quickly the year is going. We've sent out some information to support parents with the next steps once you have been allocated a school. If you are unsure please make an appointment to see our Parent Support Advisors Mr Pinnock and Mrs Hussain.

At Ark Chamberlain we have very high expectations and pride ourselves on our excellent attendance as we know the impact missed days can have on children's education. Please continue to support us with us by sending your children to school every day.

Mrs Twort – Head of School

Academy Dinner Money

Reminder to parents/carers that your child's dinner money of £11.25 needs to be paid by Monday morning each week for the week ahead. Thank you.

Safeguarding

The internet can be a dangerous place for children. To be more informed and keep your child safe when they are online, please attend the E safety workshops we are running during E safety week. Upcoming dates will be announced soon.

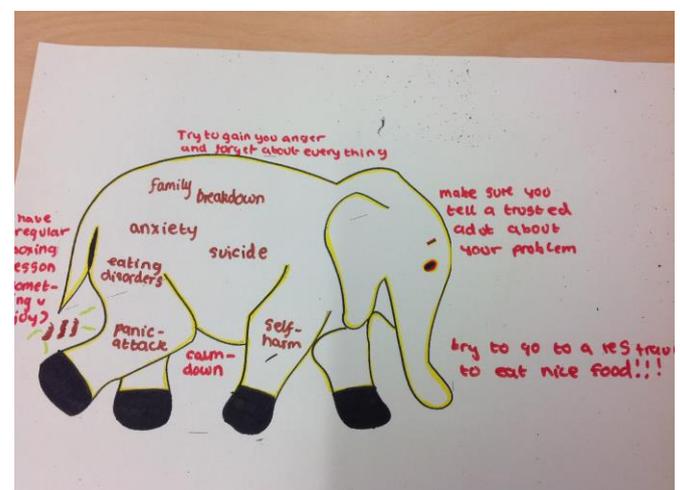
Mental Health Awareness Week

Ark Chamberlain took the whole school approach to promoting mental health, with the emphasis on the signs and prevention.

In the first week, pupils were taught by open discussions. Years 3 and 4 heard the story of 'The Huge Bag of Worries'. This gave pupils the opportunity to learn about worries as being normal. However, pupils were taught about how we should cope with our worries and value the importance of talking to someone.

Years 5 and 6 learnt about the stigma surrounding mental health and different ways to adjust and deal with difficult situations.

In the 2nd week, we looked at mental health through art which also helped the pupils to express their worries and concerns.



Pyramid Club



The learning mentors run a pyramid club for year 3 and 4 after school. The programme is a targeted programme for pupils who are quiet and shy. The programme consists of activities like games, art and stories. At the moment, they are exploring the story 'The Dot' by Peter H Reynolds.

The story is about a reluctant pupil with poor self-esteem, but with encouragement from the teacher they excel to do well, and they end up helping others. Look at the amazing display they created!

Year III Museum and Art Gallery Trip



As part of the Year 3 topic of Ancient Egypt, they went on a trip to the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. There they explored the Ancient Egyptian Gallery, where they saw a real mummy preserved in linen. As well as seeing the real mummy, they found information about the

jewellery that the Ancient Egyptians wore, the types of stoneware they used to cook food with and saw hieroglyphics. The children also had the opportunity to explore other galleries around the museum especially the gallery about Birmingham. There they found out what Birmingham looked like before the Second World War and how it has changed to the city they live in today. Year 3 children also enjoyed exploring different paintings around the art galleries from different time periods in history.

Parent Survey

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who took the time to complete and return the recent parent survey; we were overwhelmed with the number of responses we had. The results were incredibly positive and we are pleased to see that you feel children are happy and safe at school and that children are well looked after when they are in the academy.

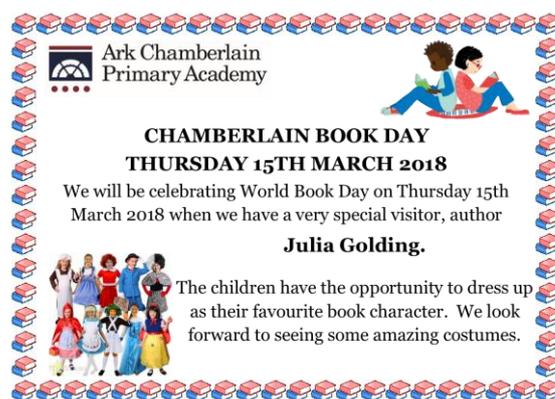
As we are continuously looking for ways to improve the academy, particularly concerning behaviour management, we are providing drop-in sessions for parents which will be run by our learning mentors. The sessions will give parents the opportunity to discuss the parent survey at length whilst also providing parents with a chance to raise any concerns that they may have.

There will be two sessions available on Wednesday 14th March 2018:

- 9am – 10am or 2.30pm – 3.10pm

We look forward to seeing many of you there and we thank you for your continued support.

Chamberlain Book Day



Due to the bad weather, Chamberlain Book Day has been rearranged to **Thursday 15th March 2018**. There will be assemblies, interviews and a Creative Writing Workshop. Signed books will be on sale for £5. This should be an exciting day. Please help your child find a costume to wear.

Dates for Your Diary

- 14th March – Year III Animal Man Visit
- 15th March – Chamberlain Book Day and Julia Golding author visit
- 16th March – Staff Training Day – academy closed
- 19th March – 26th March – Travelling Book Fair
- 22nd March – Parent Pay workshop – 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.
- 27th March – E-Safety Morning – Breck Foundation
- 30th March – 13th April – Easter Holidays