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## Welcome

It's been a busy few weeks at Ark Chamberlain. There have been lots of exciting opportunities for the children including trips to Dudley Canals, Small Heath Library and Cadbury World. The children have behaved extremely sensibly whilst representing the academy and I am very proud of them. We've also had some exciting workshops in the academy including Lego robotics, MAC art workshops and Bollywood dancing.

All the children in the academy have worked very hard so far this term including Y6. They were calm and confident for their SATs and we were really impressed with how hard they worked. Well done Y6! They celebrated with a carousel of activities on the Friday and we were also particularly impressed with the mature attitude they showed when they found out that their trip to Drayton Manor had to be cancelled due to the tragic incident there. A new exciting trip has been planned for 12th July...more details to follow.

Please make sure your children are in school, by 8.40am, every day so they can do their very best and achieve their full potential.

**Mrs Twort – 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.

## Year 2 Transition Parents Evening

On Monday 22nd May between 4pm and 5pm, Year 2 pupils and their parents were invited to visit Ark Chamberlain for an Open Evening. This was a fantastic opportunity to have a look round the

academy and meet Ark Chamberlain staff. There was also a treasure hunt quiz. On completion of the quiz, Year 2 pupils had the chance to enter into a prize draw!

## Year 3 Bikeability



On Thursday 4th May, selected Year 3 children participated in 'Bikeability'. Pupils brought their bikes into school and learnt how to ride safely, practising important skills such as signalling. Some children were nervous to start off with, but were soon shouting to Mr Pinnock, asking him to look at how they were riding one-handed!!

## Year 3 Lego Robotics Workshop



On Thursday 4th and Friday 5th May, Year 3 children participated in a Lego robotics workshop. Children had lots of fun building their own model lions and programming the algorithms to make the lion move and roar!

## Year 4 Visit to Small Heath Library



Recently, the children in Year 4 visited Small Heath Library. On arrival, we were greeted by a friendly librarian, who gave us lots of information on how the library works. Did you know that you could borrow up to 10 books per month! Completely free of charge! Once children sign out the books, they can take them home and enjoy them for a whole month! Library books must be returned by the date shown inside the book; otherwise children will incur a fine. Any books that are borrowed from Small Heath Library can be returned to any Birmingham City library. Parents will be pleased to know that if your child wants to read a book that the library doesn't have, then the library can order it for your child, which potentially means that they can read ANY book their heart desires!

Year 4 enjoyed a tour around the library. We saw thousands of books including picture books, storybooks, classic books, information books, sports books, large print books, audio books and books written in different languages. The children were so excited and found lots of books that they wanted to take home. They were thrilled when they received their brand new library cards.

Membership of the library services is free. Children can join at any library by presenting proof of their name and current address. Children can join at any age - the younger the better! However, children must ask their Parent/Carer or someone over 18 in their family to sign the membership form to say it's OK for them to join. Children can fill in a paper copy of the joining form, which they can get from any Birmingham Library. All they have to do is take the completed form to their local library and they will give them a free library card, which they can use straightaway. Alternatively, children can join the library online

by visiting  
<http://www.libraryofbirmingham.com/services>.

In addition to borrowing books, Small Heath Library also run homework support sessions (craft sessions for children aged 8 and under, as well as access to computers.

Remember, reading changes everything! Not only are reading skills important to a child's success in school and work, but it can also be a fun and imaginative activity, which opens doors to all kinds of new worlds. So don't delay – visit your local library now and get reading!

## Academy Lunch Menu

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

Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017: Week 3

## Staff Book Review – Mr Campbell-Cave



My favourite book is Matilda, by Roald Dahl. I think Dahl is an incredible author and I could have chosen many of his books as my favourite!

I particularly like Matilda as it is an inspirational tale of a girl showing insuppressible determination to read and to learn, despite the many barriers she had to overcome (including opposition from her parents and the head teacher at her school!).

## Dates for Your Diary

- 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – NSPCC Workshops
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 – Bali Rai Author Visit
- 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Teacher Training Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – Teacher Training Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – Scholastic Book Fair
- 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – Last day of term