

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a truly incredible and restful Summer holiday and enjoyed the extra few days you had with your child.

Whilst you were lapping up the sun or cloaking up from the clouds, our much bigger staff were learning all about our vision at AJK, the incredible scholars we have and preparing their classes for the pupils return. We can simply not believe that we have our first Year 6 scholars now! We have quite a few new members of staff that you might already have seen around the playground, when collecting your child.

Some pictures of our first two days in school!



We are happy to introduce our new members of staff:

Staff	Role
Ms Ibrahim	Reception Teaching Assistant
Ms Bayeran	Support Assistant
Ms Dooner	Reception teacher
Ms Guler	Ark Teacher Trainee
Ms Ibrahim	Year 2 Teaching Assistant
Ms McGroary	Year 3 Maths teacher Head of Music
Ms Crawley	Head of Year 3 Year 3 English teacher
Ms Demirci	Ark Teacher Trainee
Mr Merritt-Hall	Year 4 English teacher
Ms Ucrak	Year 4 Teaching Assistant
Mr Verrall	Head of Year 4 Head of P.E Head of Enrichment Year 4 Maths teacher
Mr Etheridge	Year 5 Maths teacher Head of Mathematics
Mr Panchal	Year 5 Teaching Assistant
Ms Arslan	Year 5 Teaching Assistant
Sarah Cross	Year 6 Teaching Assistant



Important messages:

Wednesday Early Closure:

Just a reminder to all parents that the school will close every Wednesday at 15:15 in order for staff to attend weekly professional development training.

Birthdays

Due to allergies and curriculum time restraints, pupils are not able to bring in any treats to celebrate their birthdays. Instead, for parents who want to contribute something, a book donated to the school leaves a longer legacy of their child's special day. This should be age appropriate and the admin staff will put a special birthday certificate in the front cover which will say who donated the book and when. We also do not give out invitations, cards etc on behalf of the children. For birthday parties and at Christmas, class lists with first names only may be given out to parents on request via the office.

Uniform:

You will all receive a copy of our updated Parent Handbook next week which contains lots of important information about the school. Please read it very carefully. Most of the children have come back in the correct uniform. However, school shoes must be BLACK (including laces) and hair accessories must be simple and in our school colours (fuchsia or navy) or black. Hair also needs to be tied back at all times please. No patterns cut into hair. Small, plain solid studs for earrings, no hoops or coloured earrings. Children should have a thin raincoat for showery days. We like them to go out for playtime whatever the weather! Please read this very carefully, as we will do uniform checks regularly.

Breakfast Club:

I am pleased to say that our breakfast club has been up and running since Thursday 12th September at 07:45 in our secondary dining hall. Breakfast Club costs is still 50p a session for all pupils that are not eligible for Pupil Premium funding. Payments must be made through ParentPay. We have the same rules, routines and high expectations when pupils attend our breakfast club and parents will be informed if their child is not following these expectations.

IMPORTANT: Children **must not** be dropped off until 07:45. You also have to ensure that you hand over your child to an adult from the breakfast club before you can go—please do not leave your child in front of the school or in the front office on their own. Your child will not be able to enter Breakfast Club after 08:10.

Morning Drop-Offs:

Our playground gate will continue to be opened at 08:00 if you wish to drop your child at school early but have already provided them with breakfast. Parents that are dropping off their children will be allowed to enter the gates to the playground at 08:20. We have the same rules, routines and high expectations when pupils are dropped off early and parents will be informed if their child is not following these expectations.

Entrances to School:

We now have 620 scholars, quite a big change since September 2013 where we only had 27 scholars! For this reason we want to encourage everyone to walk to school, helping us to keep your children safe. Parents and children can still enter and exit the school premises through two gates in the mornings and afternoons. We really hope this will encourage even more people to walk to school. We have the main green gate near the Nursery, as well as the gate on the side of Albany Park. Please note that the main gate will be open to parents at 08:20-08:29 and the gate near the park will be open 08:20-08:27. These gates will be locked promptly, so please ensure that you leave the playground as soon as possible as staff have other responsibilities to tend to as well.

No toys/stationary in school:

Please do not allow your child to bring in toys/stationary or other personal items into school. With our busy timetables we do not have time to share everyone's toys and we have enough stationary for everyone. There may be occasions when your child's teacher will ask all children to bring in something from home for a special event. E.g. Christmas or a topic lesson. Please only let children bring things into school when teachers request it.

End of Day Collection Change:

Due to Safeguarding reasons the Main School Gate will open at 3.55pm every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 3.10pm every Wednesday.

Important dates:

Swimming:

- **Year 1 swimming** - Donaldson Class (Ms South) first lesson: Wednesday 18th September at 9:30am (then every Wednesday until the Christmas holidays)
- **Year 3 swimming** - Kipling Class (Ms Crawley) first swimming lesson: Wednesday 18th September at 11am (then every Wednesday until the Christmas holidays)

Meet the Head of Year Meetings:

- **Year 4 (all parents to attend):** Thursday 26th Sept at 16:15-17:00 in the primary hall
- **Year 6 (all parents to attend):** Monday 30th September at 16:15-17:00 in the primary hall
- **Year 3 (all parents to attend):** Tuesday 1st October at 16:15-17:00 in the primary hall
- **Year 5 (all parents to attend):** Thursday 3rd October at 16:15-17:00 in the primary hall
- **Year 2 (all parents to attend):** Monday 7th October at 16:15-17:00 in the primary hall
- **Year 1 (all parents to attend):** Tuesday 8th October at 16:15-17:00 in the primary hall
- **Reception (all parents to attend):** Thursday 10th October at 16:15-17:00 in the primary hall

***Parents attending 'meet the teacher' meetings: Your child will be looked after by staff during this meeting. More information regarding the procedures to follow in next week's newsletter!**

Friday Celebration Assemblies:

- **Year 5 & 6** - Friday 20th September at 08:45 in the secondary hall
- **Year 3 & 4** —Friday 27th September at 08:45 in the secondary hall
- **Year 1 & 2** - Friday 11th October at 08:45 in the secondary hall
- **Year 5 & 6** — Friday 18th October at 08:45 in the secondary hall

Staff Training Days:

- Friday 4th October—No School
- Monday 28th October—No School
- Thursday 19th December—No School