



Ark John Keats Academy

Newsletter
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Assembly conduct:

It was lovely to have our first assembly of the academic year today. We really do enjoy having so many parents in attendance as long as everyone follows our assembly rules. This makes the assembly fun for everybody there. Parents who cannot follow our assembly rules will not be able to attend.

Please remind yourselves of the assembly rules so that we all can enjoy assembly together:

- Guests must be silent **as soon as they enter the hall** - just like we expect the children to be - parents must be too. Parents should role model excellent audience conduct and behaviour. We have secondary pupils attending lessons in classes right next to the secondary assembly hall and must remember that they are busy learning.
- All parents must exit the hall at the end of assembly and not wait for your child to walk down the corridor to say goodbye. We need to remember that secondary pupils are learning and that we need to get your child back to class to start our lessons. We promise we will give them back to you at the end of the day.
- Small children/babies must sit with their parents for the whole assembly and must also be quiet. If they can't be quiet they must be taken out of the assembly.

Reception & Key Stage 1 Library Visits

It is that time of the year again! Every year our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are incredibly lucky to visit Ordnance library and choose a book of their liking. Either a member of the library or the teacher also reads them a lovely book. Sometimes even the more confident scholars read the rest of their class a book—wow! We would like parents that want to volunteer to support our pupils' walking to the library and back. To be a parent volunteer please contact the admin team and provide them with your full name and date of birth so that a Barred List check can be completed before you attend. This will need to be completed before the class library visits in order for parent volunteers to attend with our lovely scholars—Thank you!

Date	Time	Class
Monday 30 th September	2 – 3 pm	Rowling
Monday 7 th October	2 – 3 pm	Carroll
Friday 11 th October	2 – 3 pm	Browne
Monday 14 th October	2 – 3 pm	Donaldson
Friday 18 th October	2 – 3 pm	Duddle
Friday 1 st November	2 – 3 pm	Rosen
Monday 4 th November	2 – 3 pm	Sharratt
Friday 8 th November	2 – 3 pm	Kerr
Monday 11 th November	2 – 3 pm	Gray
Friday 15 th November	2 – 3 pm	Rowling
Monday 18 th November	2 – 3 pm	Carroll
Friday 22 nd November	2 – 3 pm	Browne



P.E Kits

We would like to clarify our expectation for our pupils' footwear for PE. Now that pupils wear their PE kits to school on their PE days we would like all pupils to wear black trainers or plimsols. This is to ensure that pupils look very smart when they wear their PE kits to school and as similar as possible to our standard school uniform.

We agree that we should have communicated this to you sooner as some parents have already bought children trainers that are now not in line with our new policy.

We understand that replacing them with black trainers may now not be affordable so we are requesting that all children wear black trainers if they have them. If not, we will not make black trainers a compulsory requirement until January 2020 when it will be compulsory for all pupils to wear black trainers or plimsolls to school on their PE day.



Labelling uniform and bags:

Please make sure that **all** of your child's uniform is labelled. Please continue to label their P.E kits too, as they might take off their P.E tracksuit top when they feel hot. Make sure that everything that belongs to your child is clearly labelled with your **child's name and current class**. Some labels have their class from last year on them and this makes it confusing for children and teachers when uniform is misplaced. If uniform is clearly labelled with the child's name and class it will probably be easily found and returned to its owner. If uniform/bags have no name or the incorrect class written on them—they may remain lost.

This Weeks' Class Attendance

Year 1 & Year 2:

1st: Carroll—98.63%
 2nd: Rowling—98.33%
 3rd: Browne—96.51%
 4th: Duddle—94.80%
 5th: Donaldson—94.76%
 6th: Rosen—92.98%

Year 3 & Year 4:

1st: Franklin—99.12%
 2nd: Morpurgo—98.81%
 3rd: Pankhurst—98.27%
 4th: Germain—98.18%
 5th: Kipling—98.02%
 6th: Fibonacci—94.43%

Year 5 & Year 6:

1st: Okikiolo—99.53%
 2nd: Darwin—98.94%
 3rd: Armstrong—97.33%
 4th: Angelou—96.31%



Extra playtime for class! Well Done!

Important dates:

Swimming:

- **Year 1—Donaldson Swimming** - Wednesday 2nd October at 9:30am (then every Wednesday until the Christmas holidays)
- **Year 3—Kipling Swimming** - Wednesday 2nd October at 11am (then every Wednesday until the Christmas holidays)

Meet the Head of Year Meetings:

- **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

Friday Celebration Assemblies:

- **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

End of Day Collection Change

Due to Safeguarding reasons the Main School Gate will open at 15.55pm every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 15.10pm every Wednesday.

Wednesday Early Closure:

Just another reminder to all parents that the school will close every Wednesday at 15:15 in order for staff to attend weekly professional development training. We had a great amount of pupils picked up late this Wednesday and this caused some staff to miss their training, as they had to look after all the late pupils.

Parent Handbook:

Our 2019-2020 Parent Handbook was emailed to all parents/guardians this week. **Please read it all very carefully!**

AJK Class Scholar Awards

Definition of a scholar: *a person who is highly educated or has an aptitude for study*

Pupils chosen to be the scholar of the week are selected because they consistently demonstrate our KEATS values:

Kindness Effort Aspiration Tenacity Success

This week's scholars of the week are:

Year 3:

Poppy in Germain Class **Jayden M** in Franklin Class **Milan** in Kipling Class

Year 4:

Shifa, Chibugo & Aisha in Morpurgo Class **Samuel & Ezo** in Fibonacci Class **Ayomi** in Pankhurst Class

Well done all of you for being AJK class scholars. We are so proud of you!