



Headteacher's Introduction

Thank you to Ark John Keats Community for giving me such a warm welcome as the new Primary Headteacher. I feel privileged to be working with such a fantastic team of professional hard-working staff, polite children and supportive parents. I am hoping to see many of you at the meetings next week to meet myself and other senior leaders at the school. I am a great believer that when we work together, we achieve more!

The Spring term is always very busy with many exciting things planned for the children and this year is no exception. The children have started the New Year with positivity, drive and ambition. It has been wonderful to see the engagement with the learning the teachers have expertly planned. I am looking forward to sharing some of this learning with you in future newsletters.

General Notices

Entering and Exiting the school Premises at the Start and End of the School Day.

Here at Ark John Keats Primary we are always reflecting on the six pillars which support everything we do; from setting our vision to driving day-to-day decision making. Following recent changes to our senior leadership team, we have taken the opportunity to review the roles and responsibilities. We have also reviewed the systems we use on a daily basis to support the efficient running of the school site. Following this review we will no longer be using Park Gate 2 during morning arrivals or afternoon dismissal.

From **Monday 16th January** scholars should **enter** the school site as follows:

Front Gate: Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 (and siblings)

Park Gate 1: Year 3, 4 and 5 (and siblings)

All parents/carers should **enter** and **leave** the school site through the **Front Gate** or **Park Gate 1**. **Year 5** will now be dismissed from behind barriers in the **right hand corner of the playground** between the Reception and Nursery classrooms (see picture). The dismissal point for other year groups has **not** changed.

Packed Lunches

We believe that it is important for scholars to have a healthy packed lunch or snack to help keep their energy up throughout the school day!

Please remember that they can't have anything with nuts in due to allergies or anything unhealthy with lots of sugar.

It is also important that your scholar brings in a water bottle every day!

Here are some pictures of good and bad options:



Healthy Eating

- To maintain a healthy lifestyle, pupils may not eat sweets, fizzy drinks or other 'fast food' in the school buildings or playground.
- Pupils can bring a healthy packed lunch if they wish.
- Pupils in Y2-6 should bring a healthy snack for their morning break.
- Pupils in reception -Y2 will have a healthy snack provided for them.

Access to drinking water

- Mild dehydration is one of the most common causes of daytime fatigue. The pupils can access free, clean and palatable drinking water from the canteen and classrooms.
- Pupils from Year 1 must bring their own water bottle into school each day.

Uniform Years 1- 6

Shirts:
Light blue
Short or long sleeve
Has a collar and buttons



Skirts, Pinafores, Shorts & Trousers:
Navy blue (not black)



Shoes:
Black shoes with a buckle, laces or Velcro
No trainers unless it is worn with a P.E kits on P.E days
No boots



Hair Accessories:
Navy blue, fuchsia, pink or black
No excessively large accessories



Hijab:
Navy blue or black
No glittery or sparkly fabric



Tights:
Navy blue or black
No white socks



Jumper or Short Sleeve Jumper (pull-over):
Navy blue with the AJK logo



Tie:
AJK school tie for Year 1-6



Blazer:
Navy AJK blazer



Watches and Jewellery:
Allowed to wear a watch if they can read time
Only small earrings – a stud or a small loop.
No earrings with coloured/plain stones and no other jewellery



Book Bag and Backpack:
Navy blue with the AJK logo



Planners:
KS2 scholars to remember planners



P.E Shirt and Shorts:
White Shirt with AJK logo
Blue shorts



P.E Tracksuit:
Navy AKJ top with AJK logo
Navy AJK tracksuit bottoms



Trainers:
Black trainers or plimsols



All pupils must dress according to the Uniform Policy.

Monday 16 th January 2023 – 9am – 9.30am	Meet the Headteacher & SLT for EYFS -
Tuesday 17 th January 2023 – 9am – 9.30am	Meet the Headteacher & SLT for Y1 and Y2
Wednesday 18 th January 2023 – 9am – 9.30am	Meet the Headteacher & SLT for Y3 and Y4
Thursday 19 th January 2023 – 9am – 9.30am	Meet the Headteacher & SLT for Y5 and Y6
Monday 23 rd January 2023	Year 1 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
Tuesday 24 th January 2023	Year 5 Trip to The British Museum
Wednesday 1 st February 2023	Inset Day

