

Wednesday 14th July 2021

Dear AJK families,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you for the first time in my role as Head of Primary! It feels like only yesterday when I taught 25 pupils as a trainee teacher in our yet to be renovated school site way back in September 2013. Since then, I have grown with the school, watching it go from strength to strength and I am incredibly excited for the future.

It has been a testing year for all schools and more than ever, everyone needs a good rest. Children and staff have worked exceptionally hard and-especially considering the wider context - continued to make great academic progress. On behalf of the primary team, I would like to say a big thank-you for your support throughout this year.

As tends to be the case this year, we will be saying goodbye to a few members of our wonderful primary team, who will be embarking on adventures of their own. They are Ms Das, who is teaching abroad next year, Ms Ucrak who is going off to train to become a teacher and Ms South who will be moving out of London. Ms Yavuz will also be leaving at the end of the term as her long-term agency contract with us comes to an end. We wish all our departing staff every success.

As you know, Ms Baird will also be departing, and she will be writing to you very soon with her own personal farewell message. Due to our current restrictions it will be very difficult for all parents to say goodbye to Ms Baird in person, but we still want to make sure everyone can communicate their thanks and well wishes! To achieve this, we would love for as many parents as possible to sign our online card to Ms Baird. The link to the card is below.

[Click here to sign Ms Baird's online card!](#)

Below you can find details regarding the new year. This includes the timings of the school day, wrap around care and the school dates for the year. I would like to delay sending out information for locations for drop offs and pickups until nearer September when the national outlook on coronavirus will be clearer. However, based on positive feedback, we will most likely a similar process as we are now. For parents with children in our secondary school, we must await further government guidance on secondary testing before finalising start dates for Secondary.

Primary School Day 2021-22

- From September the school day has been lengthened and will start at 08:50am and end at 3:30pm.
- Drop off time is between 08:40 and 08:50.
- Collection is between 3:30 and 3:40pm.

There will no longer be an early finish on Fridays.

Nursery sessions 2021-22

- The Nursery AM session will run from 08:25-11:25am.
- The Nursery PM session will run from 12:20-3:20pm.

Wrap around care 2021-22

- Breakfast club will start on the 6th September at 7:45am for Years 1-6. **Reception children cannot attend breakfast club until 6th January 2022 to give them time to settle properly into school life first. Nursery children cannot attend breakfast club.** The price for breakfast club will be £2 a session. Bookings can be made via the primary office on this email:

primary@arkjohnkeatsacademy.org

Payment must be made using Parent Pay. This provision will operate on a first come first serve basis.

- Sticky Fingers pre and post school childcare will continue to drop children and pick them up from the school site. If you would like to take advantage of their services, please contact Sticky Fingers (Sheniz) on 07732385075.

- From September 6th we will also provide onsite after school provision which starts at 3:30pm and finishes at 5:00pm at a cost of £8 per session. Light snacks are included. Bookings must be made through the primary office and payment must be made using ParentPay. This provision will operate on a first come first serve basis and will only be for working parents. Please email; primary@arkjohnkeatsacademy.org to book a place. **Reception children cannot attend until 6th January. Nursery children cannot attend after school provision.**

September Start Dates and Week 1 Timetable

Year Group	Date	Drop off	Collection
Years 1-6 Half Day	Friday 3 rd September	08:40-08:50	11:30-11:40am (no lunches)
Years 1-6 Full Time Start	Monday 6 th September	08:40-08:50	3:30-3:40pm

Year Group	Date
Reception stay and play	Friday 3 rd September
Nursery stay and play	Friday 3 rd September
Reception Staggered start	Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th September
Nursery Staggered start	Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th September

School Dates for the year

<u>Autumn Term 1</u>	
<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>
First Full Day	Monday 6 th September
Last Day	Thursday 21 st October

Staff Training Day (School closed)	Friday 22 nd October
<u>Autumn Term 2</u>	
First Day	Tuesday 2 nd November
Last Day	Thursday 16 th December
Staff Training Day (School closed)	Friday 19 th November
Staff Training Day (School closed)	Friday 17 th December
<u>Spring Term 1</u>	
First Day	Thursday 6 th January
Last Day	Thursday 10 th February
Staff Training Day (School closed)	Tuesday 4 th January
Staff Training Day (School closed)	Wednesday 5 th January
Parent Meetings (School closed)	Tuesday 11 th January
Parent Meetings (School closed)	Thursday 13 th January
Staff Training Day (School closed)	Friday 11 th February
<u>Spring Term 2</u>	
First Day	Tuesday 22 nd February
Last Day	Friday 1 st April
Staff Training Day (School closed)	Monday 21 st February
<u>Summer Term 1</u>	
First Day	Wednesday 20 th April
Last Day	Friday 27 th May
Staff Training Day (School closed)	Tuesday 19 th April
Parent Meetings (School closed)	Tuesday 26 th April
Parent Meetings (School closed)	Thursday 28 th April
<u>Summer Term 2</u>	
First Day	Monday 6 th June
Last Day	Wednesday 20 th July
Staff Training Day (School closed)	Friday 1 st July
Parent Meetings (School closed)	Thursday 21 st July
Parent Meetings (School closed)	Friday 22 nd July

Thank you all once again for your dedication and support, kind words and relentless enthusiasm for our school. Have a wonderful summer and stay safe.

Warm wishes,



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