



## Message from the Headteacher

A special assembly will be held on Monday to celebrate the life and achievements of Nelson Mandela. Please spend time this weekend talking to your children about his life and his legacy.

Nelson Mandela was born in July 1918 and passed away yesterday, the 5th December 2013. He is held in deep respect around the world but especially within South Africa, where he is often referred to as **Madiba**, or as **Tata** ("Father"); he is often described as "the Father of the Nation".

In 1993 Nelson Mandela received the Nobel Peace prize for his campaign to end the apartheid and unify South Africa.

From 1994—1999 he became the first black President of South Africa and used his position of power to continue to fight inequality and strive for peace.



It is incredibly inspiring that one man has had such a positive influence around the world. Here are two Nelson Mandela quotes to think about this weekend;

**“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”**

**“It always seems impossible until it’s done.”**

## Santa’s Coming

Santa will be flying in on **Tuesday 17<sup>h</sup> December** and **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** with his elves. Please remember to return your slip to the office no later than 13<sup>th</sup> December to indicate whether you would or would not like your child to visit Santa and/or receive a gift.



## Christmas lunch

We will be offering Christmas dinner on Wednesday **18<sup>th</sup> December**. If your child is normally packed lunch and would like a Christmas dinner, please could you come into the office and let us know. By **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. The cost of lunch is £1.80.



## Christmas Post box

There will be a post box for your children to send Christmas cards to their friends. It will be situated in the main entrance.



## Lates

There are still many children continually turning up late for school. We now offer four walking buses from 2 different routes. If you are having difficulty getting your child to school on time please speak to the attendance officer.



## Attendance

Winner of the class attendance award this week is **Cumbria** with **97.9%**. Second is **Northumbria** with **97.8%** and **Prairie View** third with **93%**. Our whole school attendance for the week is **94%**. At ARK Bentworth Primary Academy we are aiming to exceed this target. Please support us in achieving this goal by ensuring that your child is at school by 8.55am each morning and attends every day.

## Birthday wishes to :

Pierre Gundrum: 10 years  
Monique Gundrum: 10 years



## Celebration Assembly:

Next Friday at 9.10am  
Come and join us!



## STAR AWARDS



Reception	Mostafa Shaban
Year 1	Kayan Safi
Year 2	Zainab El-Majdoub
Year 3	Shay Mallon
Year 4	Harry Gale-Edwards
Year 5	Amro Alhaj
Year 6	Sara Abuzaid

## Bronze Awards

Year 1: Ellie, Adam and Mohamed

Year 3: Asma

Year 4: Ikran, Adna, Owais, Schuyler and Sonam



## Reminder

There will be a parents forum on the 19th December between 6pm and 7pm. Please come along.



## Next Weeks Value:

# Inspiration

