



## Message from the Associate Headteacher

5th December 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all found it useful and enjoyable to read the Ofsted report for our school released yesterday. We are very proud of our rating of 'good' and feel it is a very accurate reflection of the high quality of education Ark Bentworth provides. There were many positive comments throughout the report reflecting the excellent teaching *'The quality of teaching is good and is improving at a rapid rate'* as well as the progress children in the academy make *'All groups of pupils make good progress from their starting points...rates of progress are continuing to increase at a good rate'*. We are also delighted by the descriptions of our school community *'The academy is a harmonious community where pupils and adults alike treat each other with respect'* and the impression the pupils in our school made on the inspectors *'Pupils readily follow their teachers' instruction. They come to class ready to learn... These positive attitudes make a strong contribution to their successful learning.'*

I'm sure you will join us in celebrating these successes and will feel proud of the school community we belong to.

As a school we are aware that we have next steps to improve to help us on the journey to being outstanding. All of the areas identified are already a focus on our academy development plan and we are pleased to have a clear focus on what we are developing. These are exciting times for Ark Bentworth and we look forward to the challenge of moving from good to great in the next part of our school history!

A reminder that next week in school is assessment week. It is vital your child is in school everyday to take part in important end of term assessments and to share the outcomes of all the learning they have done this term.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,  
Gemma Grierson



## Winter Stocking Competition

On Monday 8th December

Mrs Kennedy will be sending home a winter stocking for each child to decorate. They will need to be returned to school by Thursday 11th December. There will be a prize given to one child per class for the best decorated stocking. This is optional and your child does not need to participate.



## Request to parents



Due to a change to the Wisepay system we can no longer take any money for school lunches. All lunches need to be booked and paid for on-line, by **Friday at 1pm.**

## Up and coming events

**5th December:** Christmas decorations to be put up  
**5th December** Applications for parent Governors deadline  
**16th and 17th December:** Keystage 1 winter performance  
**18th December:** Christmas Lunch  
**19th December:** Last day of term **1:30 finish.**



# Reception Trip

Over the past week our Reception class has been reading different stories about a special little bear, Paddington. They have been learning all about the different adventures he has had around London. Yesterday they went out on their very own Paddington adventure to find places they had read about in the stories. They were lucky enough to even find Paddington along the way, well sort of..!



## Value of the Week

Next week we will be focusing upon

## Community

**100 % Attendance winner of the Week!**



**Elijah, Y4**



## Attendance

Winner of the class attendance award this week is **Northumbria** with **98.5%** and **2nd** was **Clarke** with **96.0%** and 3rd is **Manchester** with **95.3%**. Our whole school attendance for the week is **93%**. 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 8.45am each morning and attends every day.

## Important dates for parent/carers

Please note 12th February 2015 is no longer an inset day. It will now fall on the 7th May 2015. This is due to our school being used as a polling station on the 7th May 2015.

**Inset Day**

## STAR AWARDS



Reception	Whole Class
Year 1	Yunus El-Majdoub
Year 2	Sarah Abdillah
Year 3	Abi Foster-Summers
Year 4	Abdiaziz Ali
Year 5	Whole Class
Year 6	Marwan Elouali

## Birthday

wishes to :

Year 1: Eyad Adem

Year 3: Joshua Engele

Year 6: Pierre & Monique Gundrum

**Staff Birthdays**

Mrs Walker

