



Message from the Headteacher

6th September 2013

Welcome back!

First of all I would like to offer a warm welcome to pupils and families new to ARK Bentworth. We are delighted that you have joined what is a warm, welcoming and vibrant community.

To returning pupils and families: welcome back! We have an incredibly exciting term and year ahead of us.

This year we intend to build upon the fantastic work of staff and pupils last year and continue to improve as a school. We are ambitious about what can be achieved and we are hoping that you will see fantastic progress in your child's reading, writing and mathematics.

To support us in aiming high, we need to work together. When school and parents are working closely, then pupils' achievements will soar.

I am extremely privileged and proud to be taking over as Headteacher and I will ensure academic and rigour balanced with exciting and inspiring activities. The Bentworth community is a strong one, and parental engagement last year was fantastic – we aim to build on this.

Damian McBeath
Headteacher

Clubs

We are pleased to offer a range of enrichment clubs for pupils to take part in.

Please sign up for clubs in the office by next Friday, 13th September. This will be on a first come first served basis.

The choice of clubs includes:

Monday:

Gardening Club (for Y2, 3&4, during lunchtime)

Tuesday:

Sculpture Club (for Y1&2)

Football Club (for Y4, 5&6)

Cooking Club (for Y3-6)

Reading Club (for Y1&2, by invitation only)

Wednesday:

Book Club (for Y3&4)

School Prep Club (for Y2-5)

Multiskills Sports Club (for Y5&6)

Thursday:

Peer Mediation Club (for Y3, 4 &5)

In addition to this, we will also be offering a Drama & Music Club, and a Choir. Further details to follow!

Please note that clubs will run from 3.15—4.15, starting the week beginning

16th September.

All clubs are free, but you are required to pay a £5 deposit which will be returned to you providing your child's attendance to the club is a minimum of 75% of sessions.

Assemblies

The first Celebration Assembly will take place on Friday 13th September from 9.10—9.30. This year we will be announcing the Star of the Week Award as a surprise in assembly—however, we will still 'secretly' be inviting the parents of those children by text to attend the assembly.

Next week's value: Ambition

Key Autumn Term Dates

First day of term: Thursday 5th September

Last day of half term: Friday 25th October

Half Term Holidays:

Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November

Teacher INSET days: Monday 4th November & Tuesday 5th November (school closed to children)

First school day of half term: Wednesday 6th November

Last day of term: Friday 20th December

Winter Holidays:

Monday 23rd December—Monday 6th January

Teacher INSET days: Tuesday 7th January & Wednesday 8th January (school closed to children)

First school day of term: Thursday 9th January

Further dates to follow.



Walking Bus/After School Care

Walking Bus and After School Care will be starting from next Monday, 9th September. Please speak to the School Office for further information or if you would like your child to attend.



Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property left behind from last year. We will be laying this out in the hall next week for it to be reclaimed. Any items unclaimed will be recycled at the end of the week.

In order to avoid items of clothing and school bags to be lost, please make sure every item of clothing and all school bags are clearly labelled.

Birthday wishes to:

Reception: Santina Deleo and Breyana Webb

Year 1: Charlie Coughlan and Maryam Hersi

Year 4: Razia Soltani, Erika Evangelista and Sumeya Hassan

Year 5: Samuel Usiade and Ziyad Ibrahim



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!