



Message from the Associate Headteacher

26th September 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turn out at the reading and phonics workshop this week. Thank you to everyone who attended and we hope you are beginning to enjoy new reading experiences with your children and are making the most of the free phonic reading packs that you took home. Don't forget you can get lots more help and advice on phonics on ruthmiskin.com/parents or on the Ruth Miskin Facebook page. There are lots of useful videos to watch including one that shows you how to pronounce the sounds correctly.

Thank you also to the parents and carers who attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday. Organised by the children in Year 3, the money raised by the coffee morning will go towards the Macmillan Cancer Care charity. We want to continue to build strong relationships with families in our community and will be holding more regular coffee mornings over the course of this year for parents to attend and are hoping to invite some guest speakers to provide advice and training in areas of interest. Please speak to Miss Grasso or myself if you have some ideas about potential topics. Instead of parents forum this year we will be inviting parents to a drop in clinic with the Headteacher every Monday morning from 8:45-9:30 to discuss any issues, concerns or questions. There has been a number of parents enquiring about setting up a PTA or a parent fundraising group.

We have decided to make the changes to the Parents Forum to create a 'Friends of ARK Bentworth group' with the aim for planning and discussing ways in which parents can get involved with school events, volunteering opportunities, and ways in which we can fundraise to enrich the experiences that all children at ARK Bentworth receive.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Grierson

PE Kit

Your child must wear the correct PE kit in school, this should include a pair of navy tracksuit bottoms and a navy sweatshirt, these can be purchased from the office. Your child should also have a pair of plain black plimsoles or black trainers with no logo on them for the PE sessions. If your child comes in the wrong PE kit we will call to ask that you bring in their correct PE kit.

Thankyou for your cooperation.

Pe days are:

Tuesdays Year 1,2 and 3

Wednesdays Reception

Thursdays Year 4,5 and 6



Congratulations to our new School

Councillors

Yr3 Ayub & Hafsa

Yr4 Daisy SW & Faris

Yr5 Rahmin & Mascuud

Yr6 Joana & Viraj



This week KS2 held their School Council elections. All candidates sent in their applications, they then had to stand in front of their class peers and deliver a persuasive speech. Their classmates then voted on the best two people for the job. The quality and variety of speeches was outstanding. We had flip charts and a song in year 6! Well done to everybody that entered. I hope that all pupils will contribute to the class council meetings and make the pupil voice at ARK Bentworth robust and successful.

Message for Parent/Carers

As from Monday 29th September we will be selling new white school shirts for £3.50 and Ark Bentworth scarfs for £4.00. If you would like to purchase any of the shirts or scarfs please come into the front office. Please note this is for a limited time only. We will not be ordering anymore once they have sold out.



Celebration Assembly:

**Next Friday at 9.10am
Come and join us!**

Attendance

Winner of the class attendance award this week is Clarke with **99.3% and Centinel. 2nd** was Northumbria with **99.2%** and 3rd is Oxford Brookes with **97.8%**. Our whole school attendance for the week is **97.5%**. 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.

Value of the Week

Next week we will be focusing upon

Friendship



STAR AWARDS



Reception	Lily Stevenson-Morrish
Year 1	Macy Stratford
Year 2	William Mckeown
Year 3	Shano Sargalo
Year 4	Mohammad Hadid
Year 5	Adna Askar
Year 6	Amro Alhaj

Reminder to Parent/Carers

If your child attends a club they must be collected on time. If you are late collecting your child they will not be able to attend any longer. All clubs **except** The Whole Picture finish at 4:30 prompt. The Whole Picture finishes at 5pm.

Wisepay



As from Next **Friday** all parent/carers must book and pay for their children's meals by **2pm**.

Can you all please make sure that you order your meals on-line even if you receive free meals. Please follow the instructions below on how to do this.

- Log onto www.arkbentworthprimary.org
 - Click on curriculum
 - Click on school day
 - Click on the Wisepay link
 - Enter your child's password and username
 - Go to; order food and drink
 - Order a minimum of 2 weeks if you pay, and the whole term if you receive free school meals.
- If you are still having difficulties please come into the office.

Up and Coming Events

On Thursday 2nd October the school photographer will be in to take the children's individual photographs. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform.



Football

Ark Bentworth kicked off with a good start on Friday 19th. The boys team drew 1-1 and the girls team drew 0-0 against kenmont school. On Friday 26th they will be playing St Peters primary school.



Birthday wishes

to :

Rec; shadi & Shadin

Year 1: Glory

Year 6: Marwan

Staff Birthdays:

Mrs Mckenzie

Miss Jones



Please remember that school is closed on the 6th October for inset day.

