



Message from the Headteacher

7th December 2012

Our children have been showing strong DETERMINATION this week through their concentration in current assessment tests and while making their products ready for the Bentworth Market Event next Thursday. The most effective indicator of success is determination! **'Allowing children to use their self-determination skills and providing the opportunity for them to do so, can be enormously helpful in their academic outcomes'**. Support your child in developing their determination by welcoming and supporting their original or innovative ideas, allow them to experiment and explore - only then will they develop the determination to see and solve problems which is a key life skill.

Home/School Daily Prep

Your child will be bringing home an home/school folder at least three times a week. Home/school prep will comprise of:

Handwriting

Spelling

Times-table work



Children in year 5 and 6 may also bring home supplementary tests etc, as part of their preparation for Secondary School.

Please support your child and their teacher by ensuring that the home/school folder is returned to school daily and work is completed.

If your child's folder is empty or missing from the book bag, please notify the class teacher.

Message from the SENCO

READING

We have ensured that your child comes home with a reading book on a daily basis.

Please take the time to read with your child and make a comment in the booklet for the classteacher.

Your comments are greatly appreciated and also makes your child proud to know that you have heard or shared a book with them.

Read, read, read, the more they read, the more they learn and love books. Happy Reading!

Ms Jacobs



Website

Our website is growing every day. Please keep up to date by searching:

www.arkbentworthprimary.org

Value of the Week

Next week we will be focusing upon

AMBITION

and how we will succeed.

GOODBYE

We will be holding a special assembly on **Monday 10th December at 2.30pm** to say goodbye to four of our teachers:

Mr Farmer

Miss Hughes

Miss Crawley

Mrs Moore

All parents are welcome to join us as we say thank you for their service and wish them good luck in their future.



Seasonal Events

NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday

Nursery and Reception Open Day – 9am to 10am

Thursday

Bentworth Market Event – 1.45 to 3.30pm

Friday

Celebration Assembly / Ukulele Performance – 9.00am



Parents Forum

Thank you to the parents who attended our first formal parents forum on Tuesday. The following points were raised and discussed:

Reading books for home use

Daily home/school prep work with expectations information

Curriculum information for parents

New teacher meet and greet sessions for parents and children

Year 5 booster workshops

All of these points have been discussed within the school Senior Leadership Team and will be actioned between now and the next parents forum date.

The date of the next meeting will be: **TUESDAY 29th JANUARY 9.00-10.00am in the school hall.**

Attendance

Winner of the class attendance award this week is **Northumbria with 97%**. Our whole school attendance for the week is **95%**. 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.



Friends of Bentworth

Thank you very much too all parents who are working extremely hard to ensure that our Market Event is a success.

If you have an hour or two to spare each week, please speak to Mrs Mohammad or myself – your help would be appreciated.

A big thank you to Mr Eavis, who has arrived at school each morning in cold and wet conditions to help improve our school environment.

Clubs

Please remember that there will be no clubs now until January.

As we will be welcoming new members of staff, a wider choice of clubs will be available in January and therefore a new letter will go home with a full list of each club on offer.

STAR AWARDS



Reception	Shadi Rosstom and Sharaia Lovell
Year 1	Lina Alharbi and Dante Abrashi
Year 2	Ilhaan Hube and Ali Moradi
Year 3	Bailey Zammit and Tala Fallatah
Year 4	Ismail Rafflay and Amira Abada
Year 5	Orlando Sahiti and Kayaan Massaquoi
Year 6	Rowand Rando and Eraldo Hasaj

Fine Diners



Rec	Ashley Guihan	Yr 4	Hagar Abou-Zaid
Yr 1	Zakaria Takarli	Yr 5	Roman Safi
Yr 2	Ilyas Hisbani	Yr 6	Kaima Tadesse
Yr 3	Sonam Fazeli		

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Bronze Award Winners



We have received so many Bronze awards this week. Well done everyone!



Silver Award Winners



Year 4	Pierre Gundrum
Year 5	Sara and Idil

Message from P3

On the 12th December 'P3 After School Care' are offering to children who already attend, the chance to **invite a friend for ½ price.**

For more information please **call Leanda on: 07875723946**

P3 will also be announcing a 'Pupil of the Month' in next weeks celebration assembly.

Winter Art and Poetry Competition Winners

Congratulations to our competition winners. They have each received a £5 voucher for the book fair.

Poetry: Sabirin Hersi (Year 3) and Khrystal Dyer Year 6)

Art: Talha Rahman (Year 3) and Hager Abu-Zaid (Year 4)

Head teacher's Prize: Sara Abu Zaid (Year 5)



Birthday wishes to :

Adam Habak, Yanique Adjei-Mensah, Iyad Adem, Kayaan Massaquoi Pierre Gundrum and Monique Gundrum



Christmas Cards

Children will be able to post their Christmas cards in the post boxes provided. There will be one for Early Years and KS1 on the lower level and one for KS2 on the upper level.

Please put the name and year of the child on the envelope. The School Council will deliver these for your child to take home and open. This will ensure there are no disruptions during the class.



Dinner Money

Parents and carers are reminded that dinner money will only be accepted on Monday's, and that it needs to be paid for in advance. This is to ease the congestion in the office. Thank you for your co-operation.



Letters

Please remember to return your Santa's Grotto reply slip. If you did not receive this please see the office. We will be having Christmas parties on 20th and 21st December. Please return your reply slip to the office by Wednesday 12th December.

