



Ark Newsletter Summer 1 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it feels like we blinked and the final term of the year is upon us; it feels like it has flown by.



Additional ARP staff INSET Day - There will be an additional ARP staff INSET day on Wednesday 26th June. This is a new borough initiative to allow SEND staff additional training time. All ARP children will have this day off and school will resume as usual on Thursday 27th June. The children are unable to attend their mainstream classes instead as there will be no support staff for them as they are registered to the ARP. Please ask if you have any questions.

Swimming - Children in year 3 will attend swimming lessons at the start of the term - details will be sent to them individually. The children who are staying at school will continue their lessons as usual.

Cooking - In summer 1 we will be making bagel pizzas, marshmallow rice crispy cakes and chocolate dipped bananas. Could I please ask you to **send £10** in to cover the cost of ingredients for your child's cooking - thank you to those of you who have already. Your £10 will cover cooking costs for Summer 2 as well.

Reading - Reading with your child at home is hugely beneficial to their speaking, understanding, vocabulary development and understanding the world around them. We read with your children daily but know, they love reading time with you more than us. Whenever you have 5-10 minutes, whether it's in the car, at the breakfast table, before bed; please do enjoy sharing reading time with them so they can show you what they work so hard on and if they can't read to you, reading to them and talking to them about books is equally beneficial in a different way.

Placing and arranging - We have received some lovely 'loose parts' for placing and arranging. If you have anything like nuts and bolts, washers, glass stones, bottle tops and lids, egg cartons, shells, pebbles and you no longer need them at home, we could make great use of them.

Annual reviews - we have lots of annual reviews coming up this term. Please keep an eye on your child's bag for annual review paperwork. There will also be IESP targets later in the term.

School photos - School photos are planned for **Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th May**. Your child will have an Ark and mainstream photo. There is also a whole school photo to commemorate the school's 100th birthday on **Monday 10th June**.

Weekend News - please send through 1 or 2 photos for weekend news each week. We understand it is time consuming or you may feel you don't have 'news' to share but the visual input improves what your child can talk about in regards to their weekend. Remember, you can also send things for **'Show and Tell'** on a Friday too!

Water Bottles, Snacks, Tissues and Soap - Children need to have a **water bottle** each day and a **healthy snack** for snack time. We welcome donations of **tissues** and **anti-bacterial soap** such as Carex to help keep those germs at bay!

Thank you for your continued support,
The Ark Team