



ARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL - September 2017

(An electronic copy of the newsletter is also published on our school website ardenprimary.co.uk)

A warm welcome to everyone at the beginning of this new school year and a special welcome to parents and children joining Arden for the first time. I hope you enjoyed your summer holiday with your families.

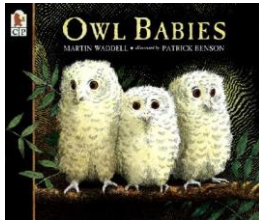
Once again this year will be full of exciting developments. I am looking forward to working with you to ensure that our children are happy, cared for and have a continued love of learning.

Miss N. Haddock

Staff News

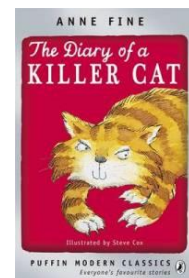
This term we are pleased to welcome Miss Butler and Miss Myers (Reception) and Mrs Rowe (Y1) to the teaching team.

Reception/Year 1 and Year2/3 Transition Units – Celebration Afternoons.



Friday 15th September 2.45pm
Y1 Owl Babies

Y3 Diary of a Killer Cat



We hope that parents/carers of the children in Year 1 and Year 3 will be able to spend a little time in school on Friday celebrating and sharing the work their children started in the summer and have completed this term to help ensure a smooth transition from Reception to Year 1 and KS1 to KS2. Please come to the classroom door for 2.45pm, where you will be asked to sign a register of attendance.

Roald Dahl Day – Dressing Up Day – Friday 15th September.



To celebrate **Roald Dahl Day** (13th September) Arden will be taking part in a dressing up day on **Friday 15th September**. The theme will be Roald Dahl characters.

The Reading Ambassadors also wish to hold a second hand book sale again, due to the popularity of the last one we ran. Therefore, on dress up day, could we ask for book donations to be sent to school so we can raise some funds for new shiny books for our children to enjoy! The book sale will take place in the hall at 3.35 – 4.20pm on **Tuesday 19th September**. Books will range from 20 p to £1. The last sale was a great success so please come along.



Year Group Newsletters and Parent Workshops

This year we shall continue to send out a year group newsletter each half term to keep you informed of activities and events taking place in your child's year group. Newsletters will be posted on our website and sent out via Schoolcomms. If we do not have your email address or it has changed, please inform the office.

Look out for details on the year group newsletter for the upcoming workshops and other key dates for your child's year group.

Information to Parents – Curriculum Booklets

Week beginning 18.9.17: The teachers will be sending out their year group Curriculum Booklets which give overviews of the curriculum your child will be covering this year.

Please can I remind all parents that the teachers and myself are always available should you have any matters which you wish to discuss. Alternatively an appointment will always be made at a mutually convenient time if we cannot speak to you immediately before or after school.



OPEN DAY – Friday 20th October – 9.10-10.30am or 2.15-3.00pm

Starting school in September 2018?

We are holding an Open Day on Friday 20th October to allow parents an opportunity to see Arden in action. We look forward to meeting new and existing parents to share the high quality learning that goes on every day at Arden across the school.

Improving School Links - Schoolcomms

Many of our parents and carers have signed up to our email and text messaging service which means they will automatically receive school newsletters and information direct to their email address.

If you have not registered but would like to do so, please let the office know your details.

Arden's Twitter Page You can also follow us on Twitter (@ArdenPrimary) To date we have over 250 followers.

A Few Reminders



- Arden is a No Smoking School. Please do not litter the grounds with cigarette ends particularly along the entrance path.
- Dogs are NOT allowed in school grounds (even when carried)
- When bringing and collecting children from school please provide appropriate supervision of your children in the school grounds and around the entrances to our school.
- Parking – please be considerate to our neighbours when picking up and dropping off. The car park at the front of school is for staff only. Parents are asked not to drive through or park in the car park, including Playtime Kids Club.
- We ask that children do not play on the Adventure Trail or use the Early Years equipment that has been set up before and after school.



- Grass seed- various areas of the school grounds have been taped off to allow new grass seed to germinate. Please do not walk on these areas. Thank you.
- In the interest of health and safety, **children must dismount from bicycles and scooters when in the school grounds.**
- **Children cycling to school must also wear a cycling helmet and bring a padlock to lock up their bicycle.**



We are aware that passing cars have been mounting the kerb along Stockport Road – please be extra vigilant.

Thank you for your support in all these matters.

KS2 Dinners



Just a reminder that dinner money (£2.20/day, £11.00/week; £1.90/day for Nursery children) needs to be paid in advance.

Payments can be made by Direct Debit, by calling Dolce direct or by an online payment by credit or debit card.

Your credit limit could be frozen if payments are not made promptly.

If you have not provided Dolce with your email, please let the office know asap.

School Trips.

Please note that the date for the final payment of any trip throughout the year will be 2 weeks prior to the trip. If insufficient contributions are received then this could lead to the cancellation of the trip.

Buildings– update

- Over the summer the KS1 and KS2 circulation spaces were decorated.
- New Build –final phase. We are still awaiting final sign-off of the new build project. However, we now have use of the third entrance on Stockport Road West, the cycle and scooter shelter at the front of school and the MUGA (Multi-Use games Area).
- Playground markings and trim trails for EYFS and KS1 will be installed over the next week (weather dependent) to improve our outdoor spaces.
- In addition we are awaiting confirmation from the Local Authority as to when work can start on adding steps between the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds.



School Clubs

Here is the programme of extra-curricular clubs that will be taking place throughout this term. Most clubs will be starting during the week of Monday 18th September 2017. All children are welcome to join an appropriate club and when they do so will be given a permission slip to have signed. All club members will be expected to show a high level of commitment to a club and to inform the teacher running the club if they are unable to attend.



Clubs Autumn1 2017



Day	Club	When	Who	Teacher/Provider
Tuesday	Cookery	Autumn 1 x6 sessions 3.30- 5.00pm	Y1-6 (If oversubscribed names will be kept for Autumn 2)	Bake Days
	Football	Autumn Term 3.30-4.30pm	Years 3 and 4	CoachRight – Ben Wharton
	Netball	Autumn Term 3.30-4.30pm	Year 4,5,6	Life Leisure/Miss Moulsher
	Pottery	Autumn Term 3.30-4.30pm	Years 1&2	Susan Couch
Wednesday	Multi-Sports	Autumn 1 12.00-1.30pm	Years 2,4 &6	CoachRight – Ben Wharton
	Football	Autumn Term 3.15 - 4.15pm	Years 1 and 2	CoachRight – Ben Wharton
Thursday	Maths	Autumn 1 3.30-4.15pm	Years 5 and 6 (Invitation only)	Mrs Abbott
	Multi-Skills	Autumn 1 12.30-1.30pm	Years 3&5	Stockport County
	Football	Autumn 1	Years 5 and 6	Stockport County
	Street Dance	Autumn 1 3.30-4.15pm	Years 4,5 and 6	Life Leisure

Please collect children at the end of the session from the main office door via Osborne Street. (Stockport Road gates will be locked by 4pm)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wk beg 11/9/17	Clubs start (except Pottery – 19/9/17)
Weds 13/9/17	Y4 swimming starts 6pm Y6 Lea green meeting
Fri 15/9/17	Roald Dahl Dressing Up Day
Fri 15/9/17	Y1 & Y3 Transition Celebrations 2.45pm
Mon 18/9/17	Reception children in full time
Tues 19/9/17	Year Group Curriculum Booklets out to parents (Y1-6)
Fri 22/9/17	EYFS Open Doors 3.00-3.15pm
Wed 27/9 – Fri 29/9/17	Y6 Lea Green Residential
Mon 9/10/17	Individual & Family photos
9/10/ - 13/10/17	Black History Week
Weds 11/10/17	Full Governing Board Meeting
Thurs 12/10/17	Y4 Skipton Castle
Tues 17/10/17	Harvest festival
Weds 18/10/17	6pm Stockport Children's Book Awards (Reading Ambassadors)
Fri 20/10/17	Open Day 9.10-10.30am; 2.15-3.00pm School closes after lessons
	HALF TERM
Mon 30/10/17	Return to School
Tues 31/9/17	Y7 applications close
Mon 13/11 – Fri 17/11/17	Anti-Bullying Week
Tues 21/11/17	Y6 Air Raid Shelters
Weds 22/11/17	YR-Y4 Immunisation against flu
Wed 22/11/17	Parent/Child Consultations 4.00-6.30pm
Thurs 23/11/17	Parent/Child Consultations 5.30-8.00pm
Thurs 30/11/17	9.25am Y6CS Class Assembly
Fri 1/12/17	Non-Uniform Day
Fri 8/12/17	9.25am Y4GA Class Assembly Christmas Fair 3.45-5.00pm
Mon 18/12/17	6.30-8.00pm KS2 Disco
Tues 19/12/17	School closes after lessons

School Communication

Have your contact details changed recently? If so, please let the office know.

If you have not registered for our email and text messaging service, please email us or call in at the office to give us your details.