



# Ark Byron Primary Academy

Explore

Endeavour

Excel

Courage to reach for  
the sky!

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Open afternoon from 2.30pm. Come and join in the exploration activities with your child.

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January

“Hustings” - Candidates for the Parent Governor vacancy will speak to parents in the Hall.

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

End of the Spring 1 half term (Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> are staff training days).

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Spring 2 starts.

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

World Book Day

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

International Women’s Day: challenge activities will be out for Mums and grandmothers to tackle with their children.

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

Next week we will be changing the PPA arrangements for Byron. “PPA” is the time teachers are allotted for planning, preparation and usually equates to one afternoon each week. To date we have had our Sports Afternoon covering this time but, from next week, we are altering this so that the children will have four different sessions – two sports/PE sessions, a Spanish lesson and a music lesson. This will be on Tuesdays not Wednesdays. All of these will be taught by specialist teachers. To compensate for the reduction in Sports time the children will have additional sessions within our afternoon topic exploration time focusing on PE skills.

As a result of this change we will be changing books and sorting out home learning folders on Tuesday.

We know many children have found the existing arrangements tiring so we hope this will be better and also are sure the children will enjoy the new learning opportunities this will provide.

*Have a lovely weekend,*

*Mrs Kaplan and the Ark Byron team*



## STARS OF THE WEEK



	COURAGE	EXPLORATION	ENDEAVOUR	EXCELLENCE
<b>Swallows</b>	Nina	Maisey	Vincent	Sidney
<b>Swifts</b>	Olek	Malak	Tian	Joshua



## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Swallows	93.5%	100%
Swifts	97.8%	100%

## **PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS!**

At the time of writing it is still possible to put yourself forward as a Parent Governor. On Monday we will review the nominations and, if more than one nomination has been received, the candidates will be invited to put their views forward in a meeting open to all parents and carers next Thursday at 8.45am. We will send out details of this early next week.

You do not need any specific skills or experience to start with. Governors do not need to be experts in the field of education; what they do need is a commitment to the school and in the welfare of the pupils as well as the time and willingness to get involved.

The nominations close today. If you would like to stand as a Parent Governor, you should complete the online form at <http://arkonline.tfaforms.net/2> by 4pm Friday 22nd January. If the link does not work, please contact Miss Callnon to arrange a time to use a computer in school.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday. Parents and carers are very good at observing our uniform policy but please make sure children are looking their best! Please remember jewellery is not permitted in school (this includes earrings).

## **Notices**

- Please come along to the Open afternoon on Wednesday from 2.30pm. There will be some learning activities in the classrooms for parents and carers to tackle together.
- If you have noticed that Mrs Kaplan is not around in the playground this is because she tripped on the stairs on Wednesday and is now hobbling around on crutches. If you would like to talk to her please do not hesitate to come up to see her.
- Some children have been bringing toys into school. Please do not allow your child to do this as it can be a distraction from their learning.
- There are 15 reading books missing from our stock. Please can you search at home to see if there are any hiding around at home? We are changing our systems to try to reduce this problem and will have to be very strict and only change reading books when the other is returned.
- We are very sorry to say that Miss King is not expected back with us this school year. Her injury is quite severe and she is not able to work. We all wish her well and hope that maybe she may rejoin Byron in September.

**Ark Byron is committed to safeguarding children.**

# This week we have been learning about Space!

