



Ark Byron Primary Academy

Explore

Endeavour

Excel

Courage to reach for
the sky!

Upcoming Events

Monday 8th February

Chinese New Year
lunch for the
children.

Tuesday 9th February

Pancake day lunch
for the children.

Wednesday 10th February

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

Monday 22nd February

Spring 2 starts.

**Parent
consultations
week starting 29th
February** – details
coming out next
week.

Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day

Tuesday 8th March

International
Women's Day:
challenge activities
will be out for Mums
and grandmothers.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are welcoming Miss Tancred to Ark Byron this week. Governors gave approval for us at the end of last term to recruit an additional teacher to Byron. This model is similar to what has been done at Ark Priory and is, in part, possible as we are currently saving money by being in our temporary accommodation. With three teachers it will be possible to provide more support and challenge to children who need this as well as providing additional capacity to cover when teachers are out for training and generally supporting each other. Miss Tancred has very much enjoyed her first week getting to know the children.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Kaplan and the Ark Byron team



STARS OF THE WEEK



	COURAGE	EXPLORATION	ENDEAVOUR	EXCELLENCE
Swallows	Maisey	Benjamin	Hisham	Samantha
Swifts	Sebastian F	Pedro	Edeline	Yasha

These children will receive their certificates at our next Friday Celebration Assembly (after half term). The following children will be receiving their Bronze certificates that day: Despina, Jessica, Kamiyah, Lucas, Jaiden, Nina, Yasha, Linda, Samir, Sebastian F and Douglas.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Swallows	95.1%	96%
Swifts	96.7%	98%

Swifts are the winners again this week!



Next week's Learning

Next week children will use the Chinese New Year festival as a focus for their learning. This should be a fun way to end our half term –we will be exploring Chinese calligraphy, making Chinese lanterns, role playing a Chinese restaurant, using chopsticks and much more.

Next Term's Learning



After half term the topic will be “Growth.” This will start with looking at how they grow but will go on to include plenty of opportunities to grow plants, including things we can eat! There will be more about this going up on the website next week and we will be putting a range of suggestions for activities into your child's Home Learning Journals.

Notices

- To help pronounce her name Mrs Stanciene gives the tip to say “Stan – chee-en-nay.”
- We will be sending out times for parent consultations next week.
- Children will have an exciting home learning project for the half term holiday – involving elephants! We will be telling about this next week.
- Please see attached for ideas about getting out and about at half term.
- Thank you to the parents who came to the parent surgery – it was very helpful. If any parents have ideas about different timing for this please let us know.

NEW COOKING CLUB IN THE PARK!



ABPA has arranged a fantastic After school club – cooking in the Café in Acton Park. This is a fantastic opportunity for Byron to make a link with the community and enjoy learning near our future home in the park. A percentage of the payments will go to ABPA. The details are attached and will also be placed on the website in the ABPA section. The café will be closed to the public during the club (which is for Byron children only). It starts on 23.02.16.

Ark Byron is committed to safeguarding children.

What have we learnt this week?

