



Ark Byron Primary Academy

Explore

Endeavour

Excel

Courage to reach for
the sky!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 6th January

Spring term starts 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.

Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day

Tuesday 8th March

International
Women's Day

Week starting 18th March

Science week

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term (though we may need to wait for some Spring weather). We all hope you have had a happy family time over the holidays.

With the New Year we have some new starts in Ark Byron. A warm welcome to Mrs Stanciene who has joined us as the Swallows class teacher. She is very much enjoying getting to know your children who have been wonderfully settled and welcoming.

We also have two new members of Swifts class – welcome to Gabriel and Edeline.

In your child's book bag today you will see an envelope containing the end of Autumn term report. This is a brief report which sets out the Early Learning Goals – these are the levels that children are expected to achieve at the end of Reception (i.e. not yet). It shows you if your child will need support to meet the Goal, is on track to meet it or is on track to exceed the goal. Please feel free to ask the teacher or Mrs Kaplan any questions you may have.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Kaplan and the Ark Byron team

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

	COURAGE	EXPLORATION	ENDEAVOUR	EXCELLENCE
Swallows	Despina	Mia	Ines	Hisham
Swifts	Edeline	Finn	Gabriel	Logie

🕒 ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY 🕒

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Swallows	92.9%	98.5%
Swifts	97.1%	100%

PARENT GOVERNOR NEEDED!

We need a Parent Governor for the Ark Byron Local Governing Body. All Byron parents and carers can put themselves forward. If there is more than one candidate then we will hold an election (in which all parents and carers are eligible to vote).

As a governor, you will bring the unique perspective of a parent to the school's governing body. You are helping to ensure that school meets the needs of **all** its pupils and enables **all** of its pupils to achieve to the best of their ability. You will be not representing individual concerns and you can make your own decisions, together with colleagues on the governing body. Parent Governors are elected for a two year term of office

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.

Please see more details below and the letter sent out today or ask Mrs Kaplan.

“BUT WHY?”

Following one of our training days this week we are introducing philosophy into our curriculum in Reception. “Philosophy for Children” helps children to develop their questioning skills and build thinking skills – and is great fun. Expect and encourage lots of “why” questions in coming weeks!

Notices

- **Home Learning. Reading books and journals are coming home today. We have not sent out phonics/word sheets because so many books and folders were not returned**

As a reminder – home learning journals should come back on Mondays and reading books/phonics sheets etc on Wednesdays. If you do not return home learning on those days we may not be able to change them so please help us.

- If your child has borrowed school underwear **please return it to us.** We currently have run out of spare clothes which is a problem!
- The local police will be visiting school next week at drop off times to ensure parking is being done responsibly.

Ark Byron is committed to safeguarding children.