



Welcome back to school and I hope that you all had a great summer. Last year was a very exciting year for Ark Brunel with results that continue to be well above national and an Outstanding Ofsted report. We also continue to expand and lots of new pupils joined us this week – you are all very welcome! Most exciting for me this week however, was to see all the children so enthusiastic about being back in school and already doing brilliant things. I am looking forward to even better things this year ...

Staff Training

Parents sometimes ask us why we have INSET days and what we actually do. The answer is that there is no one answer! As well as coming together to examine our priorities for the year ahead, this week, our training included session on safeguarding, where we keep all staff right up-to-date with the latest initiatives regarding how to ensure the safety of our children. We also had a highly enjoyable session looking at ways to make the teaching of Maths as exciting as possible. Also, we looked at how we reward children for doing the right things and how we deal with occasions when children make the wrong choices. One of the most positive aspects of being part of the Ark network is the high-quality training we undertake throughout the year and we look forward to the ongoing process of becoming better practitioners day by day, year by year.

Parent Conferences

These will take place during the week commencing Mon 3rd October. Details will follow shortly.

Open Class Morning

We will again be running a series of Open Class Mornings this year. You have told us that you really enjoy these opportunities to come into school during lessons to see the children learning. The first of this year's events will be on Tuesday 4th October from 9-10am. Come along and visit your child's classroom to see how they are learning in class.

Go Golborne

Before the holidays children were invited to join in with the Go Golborne Unplug & Play summer challenge and work through activities in the '45 things to do this summer' booklet that they took home. There will be a collection box in the school reception until Friday 16th September for children who would like to drop off their completed booklets to receive a certificate, a Go Golborne pin badge and be in with a chance of winning some great prizes including zoo tickets, swimming passes and scooters!

Eid Al Adha

Monday 12th September is the likely date for Eid. If you are celebrating, we hope that you have a great day and remind you that one day's absence from school will be authorised for this holiday.