



The Ark Federation

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**WELCOME
BACK!**

Welcome Back

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a lovely summer with your children and that they have settled quickly back into the school routines over the last couple of weeks.

It is lovely to see all of their smiling faces back once again, looking older and more mature by the day. We are also thrilled to meet all of our new pupils in Reception and Nursery.

Hopefully this monthly newsletter will give you a brief overview into life at the Ark academies.



Website Updates

www.moorlands.dneat.org

www.peterhouse.dneat.org

Over the summer holiday both of the Academy websites have been updated. They hopefully provide parents with a wealth of information about school life.

Did you know that you can find the following information on your Academy website:

- Term dates
- Calendar dates
- SEND information
- Information about uniform
- Information about Governors
- Curriculum information including planners for most subjects
- Photos of latest events
- Nursery information

And much much more!



Shout Out!

A quick shout out to the Ark site team for their amazing work over the summer holiday at Moorlands. The school is looking better by the day. Everyone is so grateful for all of the hard work.

Moorlands News



This year Moorlands is aiming to become a healthy school as part of the Healthy Schools Programme. To this end we've had a very active start to the year!

This term saw the start of the 'Golden Mile'. This is where every child, and member of staff, gets involved by walking, jogging or running around the playground. This takes place first thing on a Monday and the response to our first 'mile' from the children was very positive, with them enjoying the physical activity, and also the social element of doing something all together as a community.

We are aiming to develop both the Golden Mile and the Healthy Schools Programme further throughout the term so watch this space for more details.

Following this theme, we have also established two football teams, a girls and boys team, both of whom have played their first matches. We have been very impressed with their commitment, attitude and team spirit. Thanks must also go to Chandrra Properties Limited, Subway and Full Colour Black Limited for sponsoring our kit.

We're very much looking forward to further activities throughout the year!

Peterhouse News

Year 4 have had an exciting start to their new year at Peterhouse!

We were kindly invited by the Outhere festival to take part in an afternoon of activities. Despite the rain, we had an amazing time, learning about music and movement, creating kinetic puzzles and instruments, and even daring to tightrope walk!

As part of our exploration into historical Great Yarmouth, we visited the Time And Tide Museum to understand more of the area's past. We investigated the origin of the Rows, explored the town as a past and present seaside destination, and looked at how toys had changed over the years. As a bonus, we also checked out the bones exhibited as part of our science lessons on classifying animals.



Parent Surveys

Recently we sent out a parent survey so that we could try to improve the service we offer. A couple of quick fixes have come up as a result of those:

What is my child learning at school?

Each term we will now send out a curriculum overview so that you can see what your child is learning. You can also visit the curriculum pages on the school websites which have been extensively updated.

The school lets me know how my child is doing

Please remember that you have several ways of finding out how your child is doing in school:

Parents' Evenings

There will be a parents' evening in the second half of the Autumn term and another later in the Spring term.

End of year reports

End of year reports are sent out in July - if you want more information about a particular subject, the class teacher will happily meet with you to discuss it.

Ad-Hoc Teacher Meetings

If you would like information between the points listed above, please ask the school office to make you an appointment (in person or over the phone) with your child's class teacher. They will happily give you a quick update.



Upcoming Dates

Our calendar dates for the year will be sent out to you soon - we know that lots of you like to know dates as far in advance as possible - watch this space.

Friday 6th October - Moorlands School Disco

Friday 20th October - Last day - Half term begins

Monday 30th October - Autumn 2 begins - children return



School Dog

Lily is now working across both of our Federation schools and she has started a brand new blog to let everyone know what she gets up to.

Why not check it out: <http://theark.dneat.org/school-dog/>

