



Message from the Phase Leads

It's the countdown to the Christmas holidays and everyone is in great spirits here at Ark Kings.

We have a great week of art and other activities planned for the children next week. Each class will be learning about a famous artist and creating their own artwork in the artist's style.

Year 1 are going to study Van Gogh, Year 2 Kandinsky, Year 3 Matisse, Year 4 Picasso, Year 5 Bridget Riley and Year 6 Andy Warhol. We look forward to the school showcasing some fantastic artwork from this week, in the new year.

Mrs Bramble – KS1 Phase Leader
Mrs Clewer – KS2 Phase Leader

Christmas Parties

On **Wednesday 20th December**, each class will be hosting a Christmas party. Children can bring in party food. This must be shop bought with ingredients listed, enough for 6 children. Suggested items would be biscuits, crisps, cake or squash.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 22nd December, children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform. If your child would like to take part, please donate £1. This money will go to your child's class charity.



Dates for the diary

Tuesday 19th December – 2pm Reception Nativity (for Reception class parents only)

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas parties

Thursday 21st December – 3:20pm Winter Wonderland

Friday 22nd December – 9:00am Celebration assembly

Friday 22nd December – Christmas Jumper day

Friday 22nd December – end of term 12:30 finish (children will have lunch first)

Wednesday 10th January – Children back to school (Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th January are school training days and so closed to pupils)

Winter Wonderland

The children in Years 5 and 6 have been busy putting together a Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair. Come and join the fun after school on **Thursday 21st December**. There is a £1 entry fee and stalls are a small token amount.



Headteacher's homework

Thank you to those who have submitted their homework to the competition! Due to the adverse weather conditions, we will be accepting late entries until the end of day on Wednesday 20th December.

Attendance

The snow has really affected our attendance this week (79.7%). Let's make sure we're all in school every day next week so we can reach our target of 96%+ again!