

# Archibald News

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**Archibald Primary School – “Believe and Achieve”**

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“Believe and Achieve.” “Věř a Dosáhnout” “Uwierz i osiągnij” “Crede și atinge” “انجازوايمان” “相信与实现”

**This week is Fair-trade Week.** Throughout the week pupils will be learning about what Fair-trade is and why it is important to so many people throughout the world. Older children will be learning about countries which benefit from Fair-trade and how they benefit. Throughout the week children who have a school lunch will be able to choose Fair-trade food which will be identified with the fair-trade logo.



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded Communication Awards in our Star of the Week celebration assembly on the final Friday of last half term.

Class 1 – Jayden Cairnes  
Class 2 – Darcey Robinson  
Class 3 – Salem Ryan  
Class 4 – Kennedy Leigh Hall  
Class 5 – Aabed Khattab  
Class 6 – Lilly Bratt Grundle

**The prize was won by Darcey Robinson**

Class 7 – Lexi Bunn  
Class 8 – Brodie Urwin  
Class 9 – Eve Hodgson  
Class 10 – Leah Dyson  
Class 11 – Aaliya Lumb  
Class 12 – Thanujan Muralitharan  
Class 13 – Larin Mohamed  
Class 14 – Freddie Dunn  
Class 15 – Jessica Donaghue

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**Congratulations to all the stars!**

## ATTENDANCE NEWS

**Every School Day Matters**  
Our attendance target is 96%.

**School attendance for the final week of last half term was 97.1% which is above target again– WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

**Roary's Attendance Challenge**  
**100% Attendance**  
**Class Winners wb 5.2.18.**

EYFS – Class 2 – 97% @ 100%  
KS1 - Class 3 - 90% @ 100%  
KS2 – Classes 17, 18 & 19 - 100% @ 100% attendance

All pupils with 100% attendance are automatically in The Roary Club.

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 248 pupils enjoyed a fantastic Magic Show as a reward for having 100% attendance.

The next Roary Club treat will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March when all pupils with 100% attendance between 19.2.18 and 19.3.18 will receive a special reward.

## Safeguarding Reminder Mobile Phones

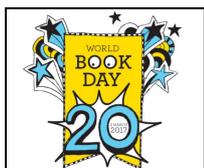


Please remember that pupils should not bring mobile phones into school.

If your child brings in a mobile phone by accident (for example left in their pocket from the night before) it must be handed in to the office for safekeeping and collected at the end of the day. Any pupil found to have a mobile phone in school will have it confiscated – to be returned to their parent/carer.

## Y3 Swimming

Y3 pupils will continue to attend swimming lessons at the Neptune Pool every afternoon this week. **Pupils will need their swimming kit in school every day.** Swimming lessons are part of the National Curriculum. The government expectation is that all pupils can swim at least 25m by the time they leave primary school. At Archibald Primary swimming lessons are in Y3 and Y4.



Details on the back of the newsletter

Archibald Primary School Safeguarding Leads: Mrs E Verheyen , Mrs S Featherstone, Mrs A Jefferies



The school Governing Body would like to inform you that following detailed discussions over a period of time they have made the decision to apply for Archibald Primary to become an Academy as part of Endeavour Academies. We are now in a period of consultation with parents, carers, staff and stakeholders, during which further information will be shared, and opportunities for questions to be answered will be given.

**As part of this consultation process there will be a consultation meeting for all parents and carers at 4pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.**

This is an exciting time in the history of Archibald Primary School and your opinions are important. For further information on Endeavour Academies please visit the website below.

**<http://www.endeavour-academies.org.uk>**

There are some fantastic photos of Archibald pupils on the website!

### Diary Dates – Spring Term 2018

#### **THIS WEEK**

##### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

School reopens  
Y3 Swimming all week  
Special Week 2018 – Fairtrade Week

##### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cross country practice and fun run at Acklam Grange

#### **NEXT WEEK**

##### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Consultation Meeting for parents/carers re Academy Conversion 4pm. (see above)

##### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

World Book Day 2018 – See panel on right

#### **COMING SOON**

##### **w/b Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Parent/carer/teacher/pupil Triangulation Meetings – 2 weeks - Details to follow

##### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Y6 GDS workshop 3 at Macmillan Academy

##### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

KS2 Cross country competition at UCA

##### **w/b Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Y6 Practice SATs Week 1  
Y5 Residential – Peat Rigg

##### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Y5/6 Netball Tournament at Outwood Academy Acklam

##### **w/b Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Y2 Practice SATs week

##### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – end of Term 3pm**

Roary Club Celebration Event

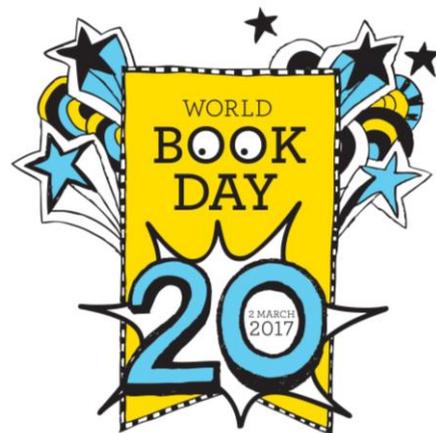
##### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

School reopens for Summer Term 2018

##### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Y3 & Y4 Dance festival at Acklam Grange Acorn Centre

*Please be aware that these dates and times are provisional and are subject to change.*



World Book Day 2017 will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. As in previous years, all pupils will be given a £1 book token. When you get your book token, all you need to do is to take it to a local bookseller (including Waterstones and WHSmith in the town centre) and swap it for one of the **TEN** (exclusive, new and **completely FREE**) World Book Day books. Alternatively, older pupils may wish to put it towards one of the **FIVE fantastic full-length books** for teens priced at only £2.50 each at participating stores (that's **ONLY £1.50** with your £1 book token).

Or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get **£1 off** any full price book instead. If you'd rather get an audiobook, that's fine too! It's your choice, just as long as the book or audiobook costs at least £2.

The World Book Day book tokens are valid from **Monday 26 February–Sunday 25 March 2018**.

More information on World Book Day, including details of the great free books available is on the website below:-

**<http://www.worldbookday.com>**

*(We will be celebrating World Book Day in school but this year there will be no dressing up!)*

# Archibald Primary School Academy Consultation



## Conversion to Academy Status Consultation Document

For several years now, the Governors of Archibald Primary School have been considering the school's position regarding academy status very carefully. The context of academy conversion is now very much different than it was in the early days and it is in this new era of positive academisation that the Governors have resolved to explore what Academy status might mean for Archibald Primary School.

In light of this, we have been holding discussions with a secondary school (Macmillan Academy) to form a multi academy trust (MAT) to be known as Endeavour Academies. Governors believe that it will be in the best interests of our school to join a multi-academy trust incorporating, initially Archibald and Macmillan, upon our own academy conversion. We strongly believe that both schools share the same ethos and vision for the future and that we can work successfully together in a positive partnership for the educational benefit of all the children whom we care for.

As part of our exploration of what Academy status might mean for Archibald Primary School, we would like to hear the views of our parents, staff and the wider community. We are therefore commencing formal consultation on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Consultation will end at 3.15pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

We would encourage you to present your support, views, concerns and questions during that time. All submissions received by the end of the consultation process will be considered at a meeting of the Full Governing Body on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Please refer to the last section of this document for details of how to submit your views.

As part of the consultation process, we will be holding consultation meetings for parents and other interested parties, the aim of which is to hear your views and answer any queries you might have. We have agreed that each school's Headteacher and Chair of Governors, Chair of Endeavour Academies Trust will attend each of the meetings. The meeting for parents and other interested parties will take place at **Archibald Primary School** on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm**.

### What is an Academy?

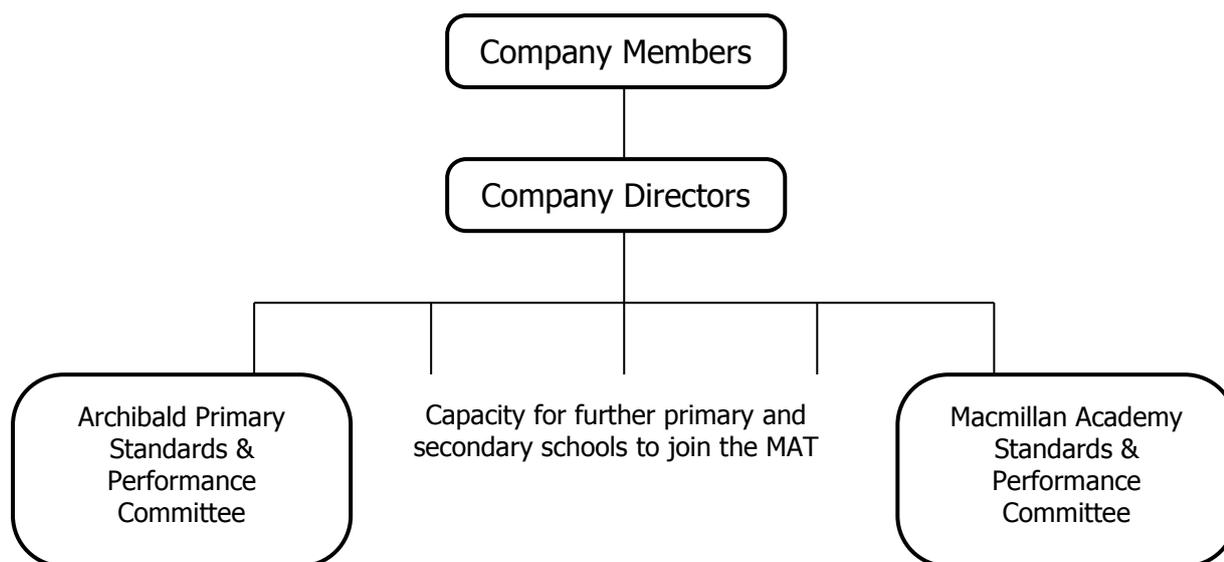
Academies are state schools that are funded directly from central Government, rather than by the Local Authority, and as a result receives directly the money that the Local Authority has previously spent on its behalf. This means that academies have greater freedoms and flexibilities compared to Authority-maintained schools. Schools that are performing well (with OfSTED judgements of 'Good' or 'Outstanding') can apply to become academies.

### What is a Multi-Academy Trust?

A Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) allows a group of schools that share similar aims and ambitions to work together as one charitable trust. A MAT is registered as a company with Companies House and is accountable directly to the Regional Schools Commissioner and the Secretary of State for Education. The schematic below shows the simplified proposed structure of the Endeavour Academies MAT :



# Endeavour Academies Multi Academy Trust



## What are the advantages to Archibald Primary School?

- Formalising, extending and consolidating the strong partnerships that have existed for a number of years between the schools involved.
- Significant staff professional development across all phases; enhanced subject leadership opportunities; development of middle management and management at all levels in all phases.
- Curriculum expertise and opportunity: increased subject specialist opportunities in schools, leading to more engaging teaching and learning experiences for staff and children.
- Educational benefits for the children through increased freedoms around curriculum teaching. We would still be subject to the same system of OfSTED scrutiny and would use the 2014 National Curriculum as a basis for our teaching.
- Potential for additional capital funding bids that are not available to Authority-maintained schools.
- Increased freedom to purchase goods and services from the wider market and to negotiate goods and services specifically for our needs rather than using Local Authority services and providers.
- Further strengthening and promoting collaborative working links between schools to facilitate joint learning between different groups of children from different schools within the MAT umbrella.
- Enhanced transition opportunities for all children and the development of a secure pathway through to 16 or 18 for the vast majority of our children who transfer to Macmillan Academy at the end of Y6.

## How would Archibald Primary School change?

In short, there will be very little that changes in terms of the day-to-day running of the school: uniform, school name, branding, staffing and all the other things that make Archibald the special place that it is would remain unchanged, and our main driving force when making the decision to pursue academy conversion was to ensure that Archibald retained all that made it Archibald! We fully expect the parents, children and staff will not notice any tangible differences.

The school's existing Governing Body would continue to fulfil its statutory responsibilities.

The Academy Trust would employ our staff rather than the Local Authority, but all national agreements on pay and conditions would still apply. Employment rights would transfer to the Academy Trust; pension rights etc would be preserved.

The school will still be subject to the same level of scrutiny from OfSTED and the Local Authority do still retain a monitoring role for all schools in the Authority area.

### **Further information**

The most comprehensive suite of information on academy conversion is that provided by the DfE itself.

For starters, an introduction is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/types-of-school/academies>

A parliamentary research briefing also gives lots of valuable information in FAQ format regarding academies:

<https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=7&ved=0ahUKEwiIxcmo55DUAhUjDsAKHbpTAWkQFghJMAY&url=http%3A%2F%2Fresearchbriefings.files.parliament.uk%2Fdocuments%2F%2FSN07059%2F%2FSN07059.pdf&usq=AFQjCNGxi1dMZW0EYQw83RLdkXfFDQ4NgQ&sig2=h5X3YDbRgakrcJMQ9TTyOA&cad=rja>

The Anti-Academies Alliance is an umbrella group for those opposed to academy conversion (although it has not been updated recently):

<http://antiacademies.org.uk/>

### **Submit your views**

By email: [archibald@mcschools.org.uk](mailto:archibald@mcschools.org.uk) ('Academy Consultation' in the subject line)

By post: Chair of Governors, Archibald Primary School, Ayresome Green Lane , Middlesbrough, TS5 4DY (envelopes clearly marked 'Academy Consultation').

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors

