



Ark Tindal Primary Academy



It has been a rapid half-term when the children have once again impressed us with their knowledge and eagerness to learn. Parents have been invited to join us for a variety of in-school events and it has been a delight to be able to spend time with so many of you. If you've not joined us at a coffee morning or been to an Inspire event yet we would love to see you next half term. I wish you a relaxing half-term break and look forward to seeing all the children back in school promptly on Monday 26th February.

Home time

Thank you to all parents for your support in regards to the home time arrangements. Children along with parents have expressed how much safer the new routine feels. May I remind parents that school finishes at 3:15pm. Pupils who are regularly late to collect their child will be asked to attend a meeting with myself or Miss Francis to discuss how we can help to ensure your child is collected on time and to plan for next steps. No pupil will be allowed to go home with anyone under the age of 16.



Celebration Assemblies



Both children and parents have enjoyed the celebration tea parties this half term and we welcome feedback on these. Thank you to everyone who has attended so far and I look forward to spending time with you at one soon if you have yet to be invited. Congratulations to all children who have earned a certificate through their hard work so far this half term.

Attendance

We have had an increase in parents asking to take their children out of school for routine dentist and doctor appointments. These appointments have a large effect on your child's education and it is important that they are made for outside of school hours. No child will be released from school without an appointment card or letter from the GP or hospital. Similarly, pupils will not be released from school for the appointments of other family members.

Children have thirteen weeks of holiday from school each year. Please book your family holidays with this in mind. Removing your child from school means that they miss vital learning and then struggle to catch up.

School gates open at 8:35am each day and children are expected to enter school by 8:40am. Gates will close at 8:50am and any children arriving after this time will be marked as late.

Uniform

As always our uniform policy remains on our website. Please remember over the holiday that pupils must not have lines/ designs shaved into their hair. Headscarves should be pull-on and sports scarves worn for PE. Pupils are asked to bring a tracksuit for PE as they will still be going outside but hoodies are not a part of the school uniform. Please help us to help you by labelling every item your child brings to school.

Homework Challenge from Year Three



Year 3 have been learning lots about the Egyptians this half term and are trying to turn the downstairs corridor into Ancient Egypt! Could you please help them? Research the Ancient Egyptians over half term and see if you can create some form of art work to present your findings. This can then be displayed in the corridor! Thank you!

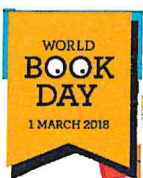
Drop in sessions for Family Welfare support

Mrs Mockbil will be offering welfare support for families on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9-10am, providing information on housing, benefits and general family welfare. If you would like to book appointment, please speak to Mrs Mockbil or call the Academy Office.



World Book Day

Thursday 1st March is World Book Day and we will be spending the day celebrating the fantastic world of children's literature, talking about and reading our favourite stories and trying to write some of our own! Year groups will chose a book to focus on on the day and there will be lots of fun activities based around these, All pupils are encouraged to dress as their favourite book (not film or TV) character on the day and to bring along the book that their character comes from to share with the class. A best costume will be chosen in each year group to win a prize! Visit <http://www.worldbookday.com/> for ideas!



Meet our Staff – Year 3

 <p>Assistant Headteacher and Year 3 Teacher</p>	 <p>Year 3 Durham Teacher</p>	 <p>Year 3 Newcastle Teacher</p>
<p>My name is Mrs Bains (previously known as Miss Bath). I went to Nottingham Trent University to study psychology and followed this degree with a PGCE at Birmingham City University. I joined Ark Tindal as an NQT 5 years ago and have loved every minute here! The pupils at Ark Tindal bring me joy every day and I feel very lucky to be part of the Tindal Team. In my spare time I love to curl up in a comfortable chair with a good book – particularly books written by Roald Dahl!</p>	<p>Hello! I am Miss Muddiman and I have been the Year 3 Durham teacher since September and working in the Academy since 2016. I have a degree in Music from the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne and I am a really keen musician, currently learning to play the accordion! Apart from music, I am very creative and am a keen crafter, enjoying activities like knitting and crocheting in my spare time.</p>	<p>My name is Mrs Zaman. I went to Birmingham City University to study primary education with QTS. I joined Ark Tindal as an NQT in 2016. I feel very much at home when I come to work at this school and love spending the day with the children and staff. I have a huge passion for Art and I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to transfer my passion on to the children at Tindal. In my spare time I love to</p>

Safeguarding Information

Our Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of its pupils. We believe that everyone has an important part to play in child protection. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing or safety of any child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Miss Francis, Mrs Mockbil or Mrs Ivins. For your information, our Nominated Governor is Fiona Partees, the Chair of Governors is Julie Farr and the Local Authority Designated Officers (LADOs) are Nora Malik, Salma Shabir and Tracey Johnson. Our Safeguarding Policy is available on the Academy website.