



Ark Tindal Primary Academy



How wonderful to start the summer term with some sunshine! It certainly makes everyone much more cheerful as they come to school in the morning – I have enjoyed the smiles pupils are giving me each morning as I welcome them into school! It's once again a jam-packed half term with so much to fit in with each year group. Please look out for your child's year group newsletter coming home in their book-bags this week – they will also be on our website.

I look forward to the term ahead - fingers crossed the warmer weather continues.

Best wishes,

Mrs R Eaton

Year 6

It's the final countdown for Year Six as we head towards the SATs tests. We have had a big focus on mindfulness to ensure that the pupils stay calm and relaxed. Easter school was successful with the vast majority of pupils attending. Please remember, if your child has been invited to Saturday school it is important that they attend from 10am-12:30pm each week.

From the Wednesday of SATs week some children have informed us that they intend to fast as part of Ramadan. This will have an adverse effect on the pupils' during their tests. Parents that have spoken to us have been able to find a compromise so if your child is intending to fast please make an appointment to speak to myself or Miss Francis.

Attendance



We have had a rise in parents asking for time off for holidays during term time. Every day is vital for your child's education and as such we will not authorise any holidays and we will follow Birmingham City Council Fast Track procedures which could lead to a fine.

If your child is absent or will be arriving to school late, you must call the school to let us know. Pupils who have attendance of less than 90% (including children persistently arriving to school after registers have closed) will be put on the Fast Track programme which could lead to a fine of up to £1000 per parent.

As always punctuality is important; pupils must arrive by 8:45am and be collected promptly at 3:15pm. After 3:30pm you will need to complete the late collection form. If you are regularly late to collect your child, you will be called to meet with Mr Gordon. Mr Gordon is our new Attendance Lead and he is on the playground both before and after school. If you have any queries please speak to him.

Congratulations, Dr Abbotts!

We welcome baby Emily Grace Abbotts to the Ark Tindal family and look forward to seeing her and Dr Abbotts in school soon.



School Dinners

The new dinner menus for the Summer Term are now available on the school website. As always, if your child would like to have dinner on a particular day, they can let their teacher know at registration in the morning, but all dinner money should be paid in advance on Mondays. School lunches are cooked on the premises and provided by City Serve. All meat used in cooking at the Academy is Halal and a vegetarian option is available every day. Fresh salad with wholemeal bread is served daily and fresh fruit is available.

Please remember that any unpaid dinner money from last term should be paid in to the Office as soon as possible.

Life Caravan

The Life Education Caravan is visiting our school next week to help support us in educating the children about making healthy and safe

choices. We would like to invite all parents and carers to come along on Monday morning at 8:55am-9:20am to visit the Life Caravan on the playground and find out what your child will be learning about in their class session. Please look out for the flyer in your child's book bag for more information.



Hot weather



Whilst it is lovely to be enjoying the warm weather so early in the year, it is important to ensure that the children are staying safe in the sun. On days where hot weather is forecast, please apply sun cream before the children come to school and ensure that they have a bottle of water for the day. Sunhats should be provided where possible – please ensure these are named. Year 5 and 6 may come to school in their blazer without their jumper and will then be able to take their blazer off during the day.



Uniform

As always our uniform policy remains on our website. As a reminder:

Uniform	Not uniform
Grey skirt/ trousers/ shorts (only one to be worn)	White leggings
Green summer dress	Green cardigans
School jumper with logo	Patterned tights or socks
White shirt (not polo shirts)	Hair bows/ bands/ clips in bright colours
Black shoes (not boots, trainers or sandals)	Boots/ open toed sandals, shoes or flip-flops/ trainers
Plain grey tights or socks	Designs/ lines carved into hair
Plain grey or black, pull-on head scarf	Patterned/ colourful/ long headscarves

Balsall Heath Carnival

We are very excited to be raising money for the Balsall Heath Carnival. We are one of six local primary schools that will be taking part and the theme is the Commonwealth Games. To raise money, we have had an own clothes day today (thank you to everyone who took part) and we are also raffling off the wonderful OTIS bear, so to take OTIS home all you have to do is guess his middle name! 50p per guess - see Mr Deering for more details.



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 Parkes, 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.