



Ark Tindal Primary Academy



Dear Parents/Carers

What a fabulous half term we have had! Year Six have completed their reading, mathematics and grammar SATs and we had external moderators come in who were impressed with our procedures. Year 2 have completed all of their SATs tests and across the school pupils are working diligently and showing a passion to achieve. The ice-cream van has joined us to celebrate the end of the tests and the pupils showed great enjoyment! Lots more treats to come in the final half term – we look forward to seeing everyone back in school at normal time on Monday 4th June and wish you all a safe and happy half term holiday next week.

Trips

As part of our curriculum we aim to include a visit from a relevant company/ speaker into school or a trip out for the pupils each half term. We appreciate that trips are expensive and as a school we subsidise all trips to ensure that we do not exceed £10 per child in the contribution that we ask for wherever possible. Contributions are voluntary so if you find yourself having difficulty paying please speak to your child's teacher. If not enough contributions are made, then trips may need to be postponed/ cancelled.

When the children go on trips we do our best to provide an accurate return time although, obviously, we have no control over the traffic! Recently we have had parents not collect their pupils after trips and not have an up-to-date phone number on our system. If you do not collect your child at the designated time and we are unable to contact you, this is a safeguarding concern and will result in us involving the relevant agencies. It will also mean that your child cannot join in other trips if we are unable to return them home safely after. Please ensure you have updated the school office with your contact number and if your child is on a trip, check your phone regularly for updates.

Attendance and Punctuality

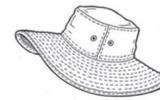
If your child is absent **you must call the school to let us know**. Pupils who have attendance of less than 90% will be put on the Fast Track programme which could lead to a fine of up to £1000 per parent. We do our best to support parents by offering free breakfast club from 8am and a range of free after school clubs, however please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure your child is in school each day and collected on time. 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. We are looking at introducing a late pick-up fee for parents who are regularly late. School finishes for the summer break on July 20th; please do not book holidays before this date.

Uniform

As always our uniform policy remains on our website. As a reminder PE kit should be:

Uniform	Not uniform
Plain black leggings/ tracksuit bottoms/ shorts	Branded makes, patterns, bright colours
Plain white polo shirt	Coloured shirts, football shirts
Round neck, plain, black jumper	Hoodies
Plain trainers/ pumps	Branded trainers/ colourful shoes

Sandals are not part of our uniform, neither are leggings so please do not send your child to school wearing them. Patterns and lines shaved into hair are not permitted.



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.



Fundraising

'Team Tindal' are training hard in readiness for the half-marathon on 3rd June. From June 4th onwards we will be collecting donations on the playground for the charities that we are supporting through Tindal this year in association with our running. Further details to follow...



Tindal Trio



We are delighted to announce that all of our baby Tindalites have now arrived! Congratulations to Mrs Zaman on the birth of baby Mussa, Dr Abbotts on the safe arrival of Emily Grace and Mrs Stokes on the birth of Lyra Rose. We look forward to seeing them all in school soon!

Events and Trips

Please follow Ark Tindal on Twitter (@ARKTindal) and Facebook (search for Ark Tindal Primary Academy) to keep up-to-date with the various trips and events the school is part of.



School environment

We have been spending time this term on improving the school environment for all of our pupils, staff and families, and our new planters outside the front of the school are looking splendid. Please help us to ensure that the school grounds and area outside the school stays looking neat and tidy by making sure that you do not drop your rubbish on the floor and that your children do the same, particularly at the start and end of school. Our site staff work hard to keep the school tidy but we are not responsible for cleaning up rubbish dropped on site or around the school. Please use the bins provided on the playground or take your rubbish home to dispose of it.



Dinner money

Please remember to pay dinner money every Monday for the week ahead to ensure that large amounts of overdue dinner money do not build up on your child's account. School dinners are charged at £2.25 per meal.

Parking

We have recently had a report from one of the local residents that their car has been damaged at the end of the school day by a parent in a car who was using the Nursery Avenue entrance. May I please remind you to park within the law, and with care and consideration when collecting or dropping off children, to ensure the safety of both our families and the local residents.

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.

Meet our Staff - Year 6

 <p>Year 6 Cambridge</p>	 <p>Year 6 Oxford Teacher</p>	 <p>Deputy Headteacher</p>	 <p>Primary Network Lead for Teaching, Learning and English (Birmingham)</p>
<p>Hi. My name is Dr Laycock. This is my third year working at Ark Tindal but my first year as a Newly Qualified Teacher with my very own class! At University, I studied Zoology as an undergraduate, Computer Science for my Masters and I have a PhD in Biological Sciences. Before I started my exciting career as a primary school teacher, I was a research scientist who studied bees! I enjoy the day-to-day challenge of working with children, especially the pupils here at Ark Tindal who are a pleasure to teach. Outside of school, my little boy keeps me very busy! Whenever I do get a spare minute I like to read, write and watch sports (especially football!).</p>	<p>Hello, my name is Mr. Foster and this is my first year of teaching at Ark Tindal as a Newly Qualified Teacher. I studied English Language and Education then went on to complete a Post Graduate Certificate in Education at the University of Worcester over 4 years. I really enjoy working here at Ark Tindal with other fantastic and supportive teachers who all aim to support and educate every one of their pupils. Outside of school I really enjoy music, cooking and rugby.</p>	<p>My name is Miss Francis. I've been teaching for 6 years. I have been with Ark Tindal since June, but have been with Ark Schools since 2011. I went to the University of Winchester and obtained a degree in Primary Education with an RE specialism. I am a keen swimmer and enjoy snorkelling whenever I am by the sea. On land I love a bit of adventure and regularly go rock climbing.</p>	<p>Hi. My name is Miss Arrowsmith. This is my fourth year working for Ark, during which time I have been a class teacher, Deputy Headteacher, Headteacher and am now currently the Network Lead for Teaching and Learning and English. I am very excited to be joining the Year 6 team at Tindal for the rest of term to help raise standards in writing. Writing is a particular passion of mine and one which fills a lot of my spare time; I am a qualified Travel Journalist and have also achieved a diploma in Creative Writing. I am now starting to write my own novel and look forward to sharing my love of writing with the children.</p>

