



Ark Tindal Primary Academy



Dear Parents/Carers

The sun is finally shining and the positivity around school is wonderful. As I am sure most of you already know we have had Ofsted in this half term and we are delighted to announce that they have declared us to be a **Good** school. At this inspection this was the highest grade they could give as it was a one-day visit and they have confirmed that we are taking the right actions to become an Outstanding school. Please read the full report with this newsletter.

Transition

It's that time of year already when we start to look ahead to September. Next week the pupils will all spend a week with their new teachers getting to know each other ready to start the new year with a bang. On Monday we will be announcing the staffing structure for next year to the pupils and a staff list will be sent home in the afternoon. As we have a number of new teachers joining us in September they are not all able to be with us next week as they continue to work in their current schools but all staff will be in at least one day to work with their new class.



Uniform for next year

Clive Mark uniform suppliers in Kings Heath stock the branded uniform for the school and this year we have arranged for the store to be open at additional times, just for Ark Tindal parents. These sessions will be held on Sunday 8th and 15th July, from 10am - 4pm, and there will be a late opening on Thursday 12th July, where the store will be open until 7.30pm. Additionally, we will be arranging vouchers which will give parents a discount of £5 off a £30 spend in store, which would expire on 15th July.

We understand that school uniform is expensive and we would ask parents to donate any uniform they have that is no longer required, particularly PE kits and blazers as Y6 leave us. Please look on our website for our uniform policy.

From September, the Office will be selling school ties at a cost of £4.75 each (both the elastic for Early Years and the formal ties for older pupils).

Farewells



At the end of the academic year we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Kaur and Mrs Hussain who leave us to spend more time with their families and also to Mrs Thacker who is going to be at a new school closer to home. All staff will be dearly missed as they have made such a difference in their time here at Ark Tindal.

Attendance and Punctuality

If your child is absent you must call the school to let us know as soon as possible in the morning. 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, either at 3:15pm, or when clubs finish at 4pm or 4:15pm. If you are more than 15 minutes late, you will need to complete a late collection form. If you are regularly late to collect your child, you will be called to meet with Mr Gordon. If you know you are going to be late please contact the school so that your child does not worry.

Holidays

Pupils have thirteen weeks of the year off school each academic year. Every day that they are in school is vital to their learning journey. As such we will not authorise any holidays and will follow the process set by the local authority. School finishes at 12:15pm on Friday 20th July and reopens at 8:40am Thursday 6th September. Please keep these dates in mind when booking holidays.

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Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who donated money to 'Team Tindal'. The half-marathon was incredibly hard work but so rewarding – we really lived up to our motto: Good, better, best, I will never rest. We have raised over £900 which has gone towards our new reading garden, which you can see being constructed in the playground. We hope to have it open by Monday 2nd July so the pupils can be inspired in their love of reading.



Weather



Whilst the weather is hot we ask that Year 5 and 6 wear only their shirts and blazers to school – there is no need for them to continue to wear their jumper as well. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school – they must bring it home every night to be washed. Children should come to school with sun-cream already applied and a hat to wear outside.



Events



There are lots of trips happening at the moment. Reception have been to the airport, Year 1 are going to the zoo, Year 3 have been to the Botanical Gardens, Year 4 have experienced the delights of Cadbury World and Year 6 will be going minibeast hunting and will have an adventure day. There will also be a trip to the helicopter base for a group of Y4 pupils who have been raising money for the air ambulance. Alongside these trips we also have sports day, a Prefect party, 100% attendance rewards and dojo party to come, not to mention Year 6 graduation. It's very busy in school! Look on our Facebook and Twitter pages or website for photos and details of the exciting experiences our pupils have.

ESOL Entry level assessments and classes

Assessments for parents who wish to sign up for the ESOL Entry Level course next year will be held on Wednesday 4th July, from 9am-11:30am in the Bowen Studio.



If you are interested in taking an Entry Level ESOL course next year, run by staff from Joseph Chamberlain College, please come in to the Academy on the morning of the 4th July to meet with the tutor, who will be able to assess your level of English for the purposes of course entry in September.

Dinner money



Please remember that if you owe dinner money for your child, this must be paid off before the summer holidays. If you need to check the amount of money on your account, please come to the Office as soon as possible. If your child is currently in Year 2, please read the letter sent home this week about Universal Free School Meals ending for them this year and come to the Office to collect a form to apply for Free School Meals from September onwards if you think you may be eligible.

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 - Pastoral Team

 <p>Outreach Worker</p> <p>Hello! My name is Mrs Mockbil and I have been supporting families as part of the Pastoral Team of Ark Tindal for 15 years.</p> <p>My role has changed over the years which has helped me develop my knowledge and understanding of how best I can support our community. My current role involves helping to safeguard our families and ensuring that all staff have a duty of care in ensuring that this is carried out every day.</p> <p>I went to Wolverhampton University to study Social Policy and Sociology and then went on to do my Masters in Learning Mentoring with John Moores University in Liverpool.</p> <p>Outside of School, I enjoy travelling and spending time with my family.</p>	 <p>Behaviour Worker</p> <p>Hello, I am Mr Deering and I have been at Tindal for 9 years working in the Pastoral Team. I have a background in horticulture and I have a Diploma in Horticulture from South Birmingham College. Prior to working here, I was the Park Warden for Balsall Heath for 5 years and have recently put my skills to good use developing the front garden with the help of the children. I am happy to work with our pupils every day and love the fact that I can make a difference and have a positive impact on their wellbeing. I love cycling and most sports, especially football and am starting to become more skilled in photography.</p>	 <p>Pastoral Support Worker - Attendance</p> <p>Hello! My name is Mr Gordon and I am the Attendance Officer at Ark Tindal Primary Academy and the newest member of the Pastoral Team. This is my first year working at this school. I studied Sport Coaching at Sheffield Hallam University for three years, and after graduating I taught Physical Education in different Primary Schools throughout Birmingham with a coaching company. Outside of school I enjoy a new sport I have picked up called Free Skating!</p>
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