

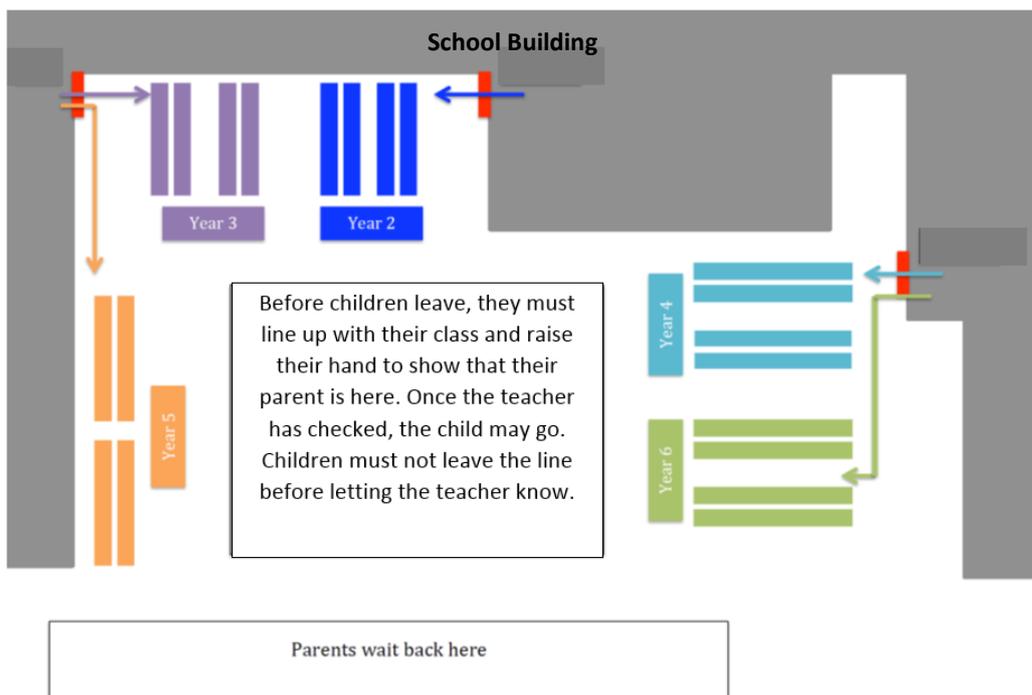


Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back. It was fabulous to see the pupils back and looking so smart in their uniforms, full of enthusiasm and ready for the new term. At the end of term Miss Al-Zeer left to return to her family in London and so this term we welcome Miss Din who has already made a start with us here at Tindal and is busy getting to know Year 4. Mrs Coffey also left us to take up a position at another school and so Mr Reid has moved to Year 1 to share his expertise and ensure that Year 1 pupils are inspired to learn each and every day. (See attached sheet to be introduced to our Year 1 team). Year 2 will continue to be taught by Miss Butler and Miss Iqbal with Mr Blake to support them.

Home time

Visitors to our school have expressed concerns that they feel home time is rather chaotic. As always, safeguarding of the children is our priority. As such we have created a slightly different plan to start from Monday. Please be aware that you may be asked to move back from where the children are standing – do not be offended – this is for the safety of all children. Reception and Year 1 children will still be collected from their classrooms.



Celebration Assemblies



To really celebrate the children's achievements we have decided to alter our Friday celebration assembly. For Years 4, 5 and 6 there will be no change and you are welcome to join us in the hall from 9am if your child is receiving a certificate. For children in Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 there will now be a celebration assembly on Monday mornings at 9am. Again, if your child is receiving a certificate you are welcome to join us. After each assembly we will be hosting a Head of School's tea party for the children who have received a certificate and their parents. We regret that parents arriving after the start of the assembly at 9am will not be allowed to go into the Hall, so please ensure that you arrive in good time. Pushchairs should be left outside of the building wherever possible for health and safety reasons.

Parking

There has been an increase in parents parking on the yellow lines outside the school. The road gets very busy and clogged quickly around drop-off and pick-up time. However, the lines are there for the safety of the community. By parking on them you cause an obstruction which represents a real danger to families on foot. Please park considerately and walk your children to school if you can.



Attendance



Attendance for the Autumn term stands at 95.8%. This is disappointing in comparison to our 97% target. We have had an increase in parents asking to take their children out of school for routine dentist and doctor appointments. These appointments have an 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.

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.

A huge congratulations to the 110 children who had 100% attendance in the Autumn Term. This is not easy and we are exceptionally proud of them!

Uniform

As always our uniform policy remains on our website. As a reminder: girls should be in pull-on headscarves and ensure they have a sports scarf for PE. Boots are not part of the school uniform and parents of children wearing boots will be called to bring appropriate shoes into school. Boys should not have designs or lines shaved into their hair. Trainers are not acceptable. 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.

Finally, from all at Tindal we look forward to working in partnership with you this half term. If you have any queries about your child's education please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance. This can be after school or the office can make an appointment for you.

Best wishes,

Mrs R Eaton

Term dates:

Spring Term starts for pupils: Thursday 4th January 2018

Last day of half term: Friday 16th February 2018

Half term holiday: Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February 2018

Pupils return to school: Monday 26th February 2018

Inset Day (school closed to pupils): Friday 16th March 2018

Last day of term: Thursday 29th March 2018

Easter holiday: Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 2018

Pupils return to school: Monday 16th April 2018

Last day of half term: Friday 25th May 2018

Half term holiday: Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018

Pupils return to school: Monday 4th June 2018

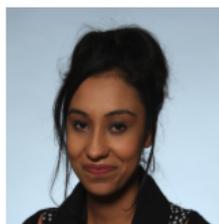
Inset Days (school closed to pupils): Friday 15th June 2018 and Friday 6th July 2018

Last day of term for pupils: Friday 20th July 2018

Meet our Staff - Year 1 Team



Year 1 Teacher and NQT/ATT Lead



Year 1 Liverpool Teacher



Year 1 Manchester Teacher



Graduate Co-Teacher

Hello. My name is Mr Reid and I have been teaching at Ark Tindal for 4 years. I have a joint degree in Music and Religious Studies from Cardiff University and completed my teacher training at Birmingham City University. I have a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership and am a trained fire-eater and magician! Outside of school I love to perform at Symphony Hall with the City of Birmingham Choir, who I have been singing with for 3 years, and love to attend Aston Villa matches.

Hello. My name is Mrs Kaur and this is my first year working at Ark Tindal. I really enjoy teaching in a school that has high expectations for its pupils and taking my part in helping them to achieve this. I am originally from Nottingham and studied my PGCE at Birmingham City University following a degree in Early Childhood Studies - I was the first person in my family to gain a degree and therefore I value the importance of having a strong foundation and building on my education. Outside of school I enjoy dancing and spending time with my family.

Hello. I am Miss Bi and I am the Year 1 Manchester class teacher. I have been working at Ark Tindal for nearly 2 years and love meeting our new parents and children! I went to Birmingham City University where I did a PGCE following a degree in Early Childhood Studies. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and I love to travel. I am looking forward to planning an exciting trip abroad this year.

I am Miss Smith and I am the Graduate Co-Teacher for Year 1. I have been working at Ark Tindal since September. I went to the University of Hertfordshire where I completed a Degree in Film and TV Production. I love working with children and helping them to achieve every day in the classroom. Outside of school I am a keen cook and baker and at the weekends I can be found in the kitchen trying new recipes and enjoying the results! I love to travel and visit new places and am looking forward to discovering two new countries this Summer.