



Ark Tindal Primary Academy



Dear Parents / Carers,

It seems incredible that we are already halfway through the first half of the term, it seems to be flying by. The children are all working incredibly hard and making fantastic progress. Having just enjoyed some sunshine over the long bank holiday weekend let's hope it continues to feel like summer!

Best wishes,

Mrs R Eaton

Year 6

It's the final countdown- four days left- for Year 6 as we head towards the SATs tests. We have had a big focus on mindfulness to ensure that the pupils stay calm and relaxed. We are so proud of how hard they are working and feeling very confident that they are going to do incredibly well. Letters have gone out to parents regarding Ramadan, as part of national guidance we are asking pupils not to fast until after SATs as this will adversely affect their concentration. Thank you to all of the parents who are supporting us and the children with this. In accordance with the previously mentioned guidance we do not expect any pupils below Year 6 to be fasting.

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.

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

Fundraising

We are delighted to announce that we raised over £300 towards the Balsall Heath Carnival and it has been confirmed that the carnival will go ahead this year. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

During the week you will be receiving a letter regarding 'Team Tindal'. Four members of staff will be running a half marathon at the beginning of June to raise money to allow us to undertake additional projects around the school for the benefit of all of our children. Details for how to sponsor us will be on the additional letter and pupils will also be running in the second half of the term. This links to the Commonwealth Games theme of the carnival.

As each year group also takes turns to raise money for charity we are aware that you may feel that you are being asked to donate a lot of money. I would like to assure parents that there is no obligation to donate to any events and pupils are not excluded from events if they do not donate.

Safeguarding

The DSLs at school are Miss Francis and Mrs Mockbil. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to them in the first instance.

Perfect Attendance

 Congratulations to our Attendance Champions, 3 Durham, who achieved perfect attendance last week, with no absences at all – Mr Gordon was delighted to be able to present the class with the trophy for the highest attendance.

Royal Wedding picnic

In celebration of the upcoming Royal Wedding, we will be marking the occasion in school with a picnic lunch on Thursday 17th May with some Great British picnic favourites to enjoy. If your child normally has packed lunches in school they are welcome to have a school lunch on the day at a cost of £2.25. If the weather is good, we hope to be able to enjoy our lunches outside.



Year 2 Charity cake sale

In order to raise money for their chosen charity, The Animal House Rescue centre, Year 2 will be holding a cake sale at 3:15pm on Friday in the Bowen Studio. Any donations of cakes to sell would be gratefully accepted and we hope everyone will come along to buy themselves a sweet treat for the weekend, helping Year 2 to raise money for this worthwhile cause.

Meet our Staff - Year 5



Year 5 Teacher



Year 5 Derby Teacher



Year 5 Leicester Teacher

My name is Mr Rand and this is my 9th year of teaching. I started at Ark Tindal 4 years ago and I have not looked back since. I am proud of my achievements here at Ark Tindal and I am relishing the new challenge offered by the role. I trained at Birmingham City University and got a BA in Primary Teaching. I play guitar in a band and enjoy playing for large audiences where I can spread the joy of music.

Hello! My name is Miss Webster and this is my first year of teaching at Ark Tindal. I studied English at Brunel University, London. After graduating, I worked in Abu Dhabi as a EYFS teacher, which I really enjoyed! I love being a part of Tindal as we are such a close community and the children are so enthusiastic. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, cooking and visiting different parts of England!

Hello, my name is Miss Mirza and this is my first year of teaching at Ark Tindal. I went to university in Birmingham to study my PGCE after completing my degree in English Literature & Creative writing. I love working as part of a positive and determined team here at Ark Tindal. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy painting and drawing my way through my huge collection of sketchbooks, baking yummy treats and looking after my two pet rabbits.

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.