



Ark Tindal Primary Academy

Head of School's letter

3rd November 2017



Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. With the change of the clocks it is certainly noticeable that Winter has arrived as the weather has become much colder. Please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day and that their name is clearly written inside. All children are told to wear their coats at break and lunchtime and will be sent inside to get them if they do not take them out, however, children often take their coats off and unless it is named it is very difficult for us to return the coat. All property should be named including water bottles, lunch boxes, PE kit and jumpers. The school cannot be responsible for these items and whilst we will endeavour to return property we cannot do this without a name.

With the change of the clocks the evenings are getting dark much earlier. As such we will not authorise any child to go home alone - this includes Year 6 pupils who were previously allowed to walk home alone in the lighter weather. School finishes at 3:15pm and your child must be collected by a responsible person age 16 or over. If it is not a parent picking up your child please speak to the Office to give permission for your child to go with a specified adult.

With best wishes,

Mrs R Eaton

Head Boy, Head Girl and Prefects

In the final week of term we held elections for our Head Boy, Head Girl and prefects. These were very serious with speeches being written, practised, changed many times and the standard of the presentations was incredibly high. Having presented to the whole school each child completed a voting slip and the final results were announced to the school just before we broke up. I am delighted to announce Inzy as Head Boy and Saia as Head Girl. I am sure that they will do a wonderful job. They are being ably supported by our team of prefects who are: Zeynep, Arfatul, Aiman, David, Hoodoo, Rana, Hekmat and Leen. Congratulations to all of them and thank you to all who applied.



Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents who came to visit their child's teacher before half term - it was wonderful to see so many of you. It is very important that you meet regularly with your child's teacher so if you have not yet done so please make an appointment via the Office.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all parents who have sent in food to help us celebrate our harvest festival. It has been wonderful listening to Year 2 practising as they prepared for their assembly yesterday, which was a great success. All of the items donated will be passed along to a local foodbank.



Parking Reminder

Whilst this is not in the school's jurisdiction, seeking advice from the police I have learnt that: 'parking a vehicle on the pavement could lead to an offence of obstruction being committed. This could result in a fixed penalty notice being issued to offending vehicles.' I have been informed that parents are parking on the yellow lines outside the school. This is extremely dangerous and has nearly caused an accident on more than one occasion. I will again contact the police and I hope for everyone's safety this situation will improve. Thank you to everyone who takes the trouble to park responsibly.



Read Write Inc

Pupils in KS2 that need some extra reading practise have been invited into school for morning boosters. If your child has been invited it is important that they attend so that they are able to catch up. This will help them not only in their classwork now but also in the future.

Illness

As always we are working hard to ensure that all pupils attend school every day and we thank you for your support in this – figures are steadily rising and we are keeping at about our 97% target. However, this week we have had children arriving at school who have vomited that morning. If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last occurrence. Please follow these guidelines to help limit the spread of infection.

Safeguarding

School gates continue to open at 8:35 in the morning and the doors open at 8:40am. It is your responsibility to stay with your child until they enter the school building, please don't drop them at the school gate.

After school all children should be collected from the playground at 3:15pm prompt. Please allow the teacher to get all of the class together before taking your child. If you need to see your child's teacher please wait until the pupils have been dismissed.

Please make sure that the office has your correct contact details. We have discovered that people on the Giff-Gaff network do not always receive our texts. If you are on this network please provide an alternative number or e-mail address.

Year 6 Boosters

In the coming weeks groups of pupils will be invited to start school at 8:15am three mornings per week to prepare them for SATs later in the year. If your child is invited please ensure that they attend as this is a very important year for them.

Term dates 2017/18:

Autumn Term starts for pupils: Monday 11th September 2017

Last day of half term: Friday 20th October 2017

Half term holiday: Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2017

Pupils return to school: Monday 30th October 2017

Inset Day (school closed to pupils): Friday 8th December 2017

Last day of term: Wednesday 20th December 2017

Christmas holiday: Thursday 21st December to Tuesday 2nd January 2018

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