



Ark Tindal Primary Academy



Head of School's letter

April 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the summer term. We have had an exciting start to the term – please get a copy of the Birmingham Mail today as some of our pupils are having the work that they created as part of 'The Big Sleuth' published today! We have also been in touch with Birmingham Children's Hospital as our Art club created a replica bear which we are planning to donate. The bear will be on display in our office area for the next few weeks. Please come and admire our pupils' work (but please don't touch).

Reception Intake

Congratulations to parents and children who will be part of the Tindal family in September. Reception places have now been allocated, but we still have a limited number of places available, so if you know anyone with a child starting Reception in September please ask them to give us a call and join us for a tour on May 5th at 2pm.

SATs

This term our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils will be sitting their SATs tests. At this time it is vital that your child is in school every day and is on time to allow them to be as well-prepared as possible. During Year 6 SATs week (8th May) the pupils in Year 6 will be invited to join us each day from 8am and we will share a cooked breakfast as a group. We have done this in previous years and it helps to calm the pupils, thereby giving them the best possible opportunity to achieve highly.

Uniform

Please remember that our school uniform is grey in colour. Some pupils are wearing black trousers or skirts and this does not adhere to uniform policy. Girls should wear tights with skirts – not leggings. Summer dresses may be worn and should be green.

In the near future we will be having a uniform sale in school to allow you to prepare for September – the date for this will follow. If your child is leaving our school please consider donating any uniform to us that is in good condition and can be passed along to other families. As we move towards warmer weather please remember that sandals are not to be worn in school.



PE kit must be in school every day. Trainers or pumps must also form part of the PE kit. We are asking pupils not to wear hoodies for PE as they can be a danger should they get caught when pupils are running. Please support us in this and provide a jumper for PE lessons.

Events

Class assemblies will continue on Thursday afternoons and ASPIRE assemblies will be on Friday mornings.

Mrs Mockbil hosts a weekly coffee morning on a Tuesday for parents so please come along and get involved, there are also a range of parent courses – please speak to Mrs Mockbil for details. Stay and Play for pre-school children will continue on Thursday mornings.

The children have the opportunity to participate in a range of enrichment activities which greatly enhance their learning. Please can we remind you that although contributions requested for trips and events are voluntary, these activities can only go ahead with your financial support. If there are difficulties funding a trip please speak to your child's teacher.

We have a large area of unused garden space and are looking for parents with a love of gardening to volunteer to help to transform it into a space that can be used by the children to grow a range of vegetables. If you are interested please leave your name and a contact number with Mrs Begum at the Office.



Staffing

We are sad to announce that Mrs Mahfooz left Ark Tindal at the end of the summer term. We wish her well in the future. We are pleased to congratulate Miss Bi, who has now completed her NQT year and who has taken over the Reception class full time.

Mrs R Eaton

Term dates:

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May

Half term holiday: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Inset day – school closed to pupils: Monday 26th June

Inset day – school closed to pupils: Friday 7th July

Last day of school: Tuesday 25th July