



Ark Tindal Primary Academy

Head of School's letter

End of Year - 2017



As I am typing this letter, the rain is threatening once more and so it seems amusing to be wishing the children and yourselves a wonderful summer holiday! We have reached the end of another full and exciting year and the school today is bursting with energy as our Year 6 pupils prepare to go their separate ways. They have given us so many fabulous memories and we are really proud of them all. We wish them well. It was a year to remember!

A reminder that pupils return to school on Monday 11th September at 8.40am. I thank you for your support this year and wish you all a fantastic summer with your families,

With best wishes,

Mrs R Eaton

The School Day

Thank you to all of the parents for sharing their thoughts around our school day. The overwhelming response has been that parents would welcome a shorter school day to allow pupils to join in the after school clubs on offer. As a result, we will be changing the timing of our day. School will now start at 8:40 and finish at 3:15. We appreciate that we will never be able to please everyone and so hope the six week break will allow you to make any necessary arrangements regarding the new start and finish times.



Community Day

We held our first community day on Saturday and said 'Hello' to both old friends and new. It was wonderful to have so many of you there supporting the community. We were incredibly lucky with the weather holding out for us and a great time was had by all! Please go to our website to see some wonderful photos. Thank you to all of the staff and community members who helped to organise such a fun and vibrant occasion.



Pass it on

If your child is leaving our school please consider donating any uniform that is in good condition.

End of Term

The school has been a hive of activity recently: everyone has been on the Big Brum Bus, we had some 'aping around' at Go Ape, Year 6 went to discover the delights of chocolate at Cadbury World and there has been too much to mention going on in school. The highlight was every child having the opportunity to spend three days with their new teacher. This will really help the classes to settle in September and both children and staff had a fantastic time getting to know each other. I think these activities really capture the essence of what we set out to achieve here. Children progressing with their learning through excellent activities planned by dedicated staff.

Homework

As always we encourage the children to keep learning throughout the summer. Each child will be bringing home a homework pack to work though over the summer. As always, reading every day and practising times tables and number bonds will help your child immensely in their journey through school life.



Birmingham Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

Birmingham libraries are hosting a free, fun activity 'Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge 2017' which is taking place at local libraries during the summer holidays.

<http://www.libraryofbirmingham.com/event/1318256273190> Please use the attached link for more details.

Uniform

In September we will be focusing on ensuring all pupils are in the correct uniform – details of this on our website. As a reminder – boots are not part of our uniform, headscarves should be plain black or white and be the short pull on type – no pins and haircuts for boys should be plain with no additional lines or patterns shaved in.

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

Dinner money

Please ensure that you have paid all outstanding dinner money to the Office by the end of the day.

