



Ark Tindal Primary Academy

Head of School's letter

July 2017



We are nearly at the end of a very successful year here at Team Tindal and I am incredibly proud of all of the hard work that has been put into making this year such a success. Parents/carers, pupils and staff have worked tirelessly to ensure the pupils excel in all they do. We have been able to purchase a range of resources to support our curriculum and stimulate our pupils' curious minds – many of these are already in use and more will be unveiled during the next academic year.

This week your child has spent three days with their new teacher. We have taken this approach to reduce the anxiety that children often feel over the summer as they prepare to move to a new class. I know that the teachers are incredibly excited and have a range of activities planned - I am sure the pupils will be excited too!

We will finish school at 1pm next Tuesday 25th July – 1:15pm for Year 6 and children will have lunch in school.

Pupils return to school at 8:40am on Monday 11th September - gates will be open from 8:35am. I wish you a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer. Thank you all for the support you have shown and I look forward to welcoming you back ready for a new academic year.

With best wishes,

Mrs R Eaton

Big Brum Bus

During the week, all of our pupils have had the opportunity to take a ride on 'The Big Brum Bus' as we encourage them to get to know the area they live in and its history – even staff who have lived here all their lives were excited to discover a wealth of new information!



The Artist!

Last Thursday we were delighted to welcome an artist into our school. He spent time sharing with our pupils exactly what his job entails and then drawing a range of caricatures and developing the pupils' abilities to draw their own. The pupils really enjoyed their day and the work produced looks fabulous – look for a new art display in the Office area soon!

Competition Time

Ark Tindal recently took part in a competition to design a bus based around Birmingham as a city. We are ecstatic and proud to announce that not only did a Tindal pupil win first prize but we also won second prize! Congratulations to Isra in Year Six who won first prize and Aiman in Year Five who won second prize. On Monday the bus sporting Isra's design arrived at Tindal for the big unveiling and we were joined by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Anne Underwood. Look out for Isra's bus on the streets of Birmingham!



Staffing

We were sad to say goodbye to our Teaching Assistants who left Ark Tindal on Friday. It was a very emotional day and I know they will be greatly missed. All at Tindal wish them the best for the future.

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.

As we start to prepare for the next academic year please remember that boots and trainers are not acceptable footwear and we will phone home to have the correct school shoes brought in.

As of September headscarves must be plain white or black and must be of the pull-on variety.

Currently we have headscarves being worn that are held in place by a pin. These are unsafe in school and we find many girls waste time wrapping and unwrapping headscarves when they should be learning. Again we will phone home to ensure the uniform policy is adhered to.

Pass it on

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

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

PE kit

PE kit must be in school every day and should be brought into school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday for washing.

Football strip shirts should not be worn.

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

Dinner money



As we approach the end of the year, please ensure that you have paid all outstanding dinner money to the Office.