



Ark Tindal Primary Academy

Head of School's letter

June 2017

We trust you had a restful half-term and happy family time recharging the batteries. We are now back into the swing of things with a half term ahead of us that is packed with activity. Our Debating team has already been to London where they made us extremely proud and as a treat they nipped round to Buckingham Palace to see the Queen! Coincidentally I happened to be on the same train as the Team on the way home and it was wonderful to see how well they represent us out in the wider community. There will be numerous chances for pupils to show off their wonderful behaviour as we have many more trips this half term – details to follow.

With best wishes,

Mrs R Eaton

Early Years intake

Congratulations to parents and children who will be part of the Tindal family in September. Letters will be coming out this week detailing when home visits and first visits to school will be, so if you have a child joining us in September, keep your eyes peeled.



From September, we will be changing the hours for our Nursery and all children in the year group will be in school from 9am – 1pm, and will have lunch together in school.

If you have not yet applied and would like a place in our Nursery or Reception for September please contact the Office. Places are limited and are filling up fast.

Fasting

Please remember that we do not support children below Year 6 fasting. Please ensure that if your child is fasting, they are well hydrated before school, particularly in the hot weather, and that we have up-to-date contact details should we need to contact you if your child is unwell.

Summer care

Please provide a named hat on sunny days and apply sun cream before children come to school. We remind them about staying in the shade and drinking water, but school staff cannot apply sun cream. Sending in sun cream for the children to apply themselves can be messy, so we ask that it is applied before school.



Lovely weather!

It does seem bizarre to mention scorching weather and rain in the same newsletter but children do still need a coat for days when it rains. Unless it is absolutely pouring and unsafe, we will go out to play to give everyone some fresh air and a 'brain-break'. Please again check jumpers and coats are clearly named as our 1pm 'Guess the Jumper' game can take up learning time!

Dinner money

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



Events

We have held respectful minutes' silences following recent events in the UK. As always our pupils have responded with sensitivity, compassion and inquisitiveness. During one of the silences we were having a visit from an Ofsted Inspector who commended the school for the approach displayed towards British Values and praised our wonderful pupils for their attitude. She said she was proud to have been part of our assembly.



Class assemblies will continue on Thursday afternoons and ASPIRE assemblies will be on Friday mornings. However, as it is a busy term we may sometimes need to change the time. Details will be sent by text so make sure we have your up-to-date details – we can't contact you if you don't let us know when details change.

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.

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.

Term dates:

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

Autumn Term starts: Monday 11th September

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. Date to follow. If your child is leaving our school please consider donating any uniform that is in good condition. As we move towards warmer weather please remember that sandals are not appropriate 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 cause a danger should they get caught when pupils are running. Please support us in this and provide a jumper for PE lessons.

Clive Mark schoolwear will be coming into the Academy on the 11th and 12th July after school to sell Uniform for next year.

