



Ark Tindal Primary Academy



Head of School's letter

May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of another half term it is wonderful to be able to reflect on the passion and commitment that the pupils show to their work and to each other around the school. We have had many visitors this half term, and the one thing they have commented on above all others is the respect and politeness our pupils show. We can only achieve this when we work as a partnership and so we thank you for the support you provide to both us and to the pupils.

Half Term holiday

The Academy will be closed next week for the Half Term break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 5th June at 8:45am. We wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday.

School Crossing Patrol

We have a number of children who are coming in to school alone. We would strongly advise against this, particularly as there is not currently a School Crossing Patrol person on the junction of Edgbaston Road and Mary Street. We have been in contact with the Local Authority who assure us that recruitment is underway and we will update you about this in due course.



Summer weather

As the temperature increases, please remember to send your child into school with a sunhat and we advise that you put sun cream on them before they come in the morning as we are not able to apply sun cream for them. Please ensure that your child has a flip-top water bottle in school, which they can refill during the day, to ensure that they remain hydrated.



Restructure

Many thanks to all of the parents who attended the recent drop-in regarding our proposed restructure. There will be a letter to follow outlining our plans. As always, the future of your children is our priority and this is at the root of all that we do.

Fasting in Ramadan

As the Holy Month approaches, we will be writing home to all of our Year 6 parents to ask them to confirm their wishes for their children to fast, or not, during Ramadan. Please note that we do not support children below Year 6 fasting, particularly during the hot summer months.

Nursery Intake

If you have not yet applied and would like a place in our Nursery for September please contact the Office. Places are limited and are filling up fast. Letters will be coming out shortly after half term confirming dates and times for September. There will also be a chance for your child to meet their new teacher, both in school and during a home visit.

Reception Intake

We have a very limited number of places available, so if you know anyone with a child starting Reception in September who is still looking for a school, please ask them to give us a call to secure a place. If you have already accepted a place with us, you should have received information regarding induction. If you have not yet received this, please contact the Academy Office as soon as possible.

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 move towards warmer weather please remember that sandals are not to be worn in school.

PE kit must be in school every day. T-shirts should be white and plain, preferably with the Academy logo. 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.

We will be having a uniform sale here on the 11th and 12th July to allow you to prepare for September. 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.

Events

Class assemblies will continue on Thursday afternoons and ASPIRE assemblies will be on Friday mornings. There will be no pre-planned Coffee Morning during Ramadan, but Mrs Mockbil will be available for drop-ins to advise on any issues you may have.

Stay and Play for pre-school children will continue on Thursday mornings.

We are very excited to announce that we are planning our first ever Community Day which will be held on Saturday 22nd July. More information about this will follow, but if you would like to hire a stall for a small fee, please speak to the Office.

Mrs R Eaton

Term dates:

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

SATs

All SATs are now over for the academic year. We are so proud of the hard work of the children and staff and would like to thank everyone involved, including parents and carers. We look forward to receiving the results in July.

