



Ark Tindal Primary Academy

Head of School's letter

October 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy half term it has been. The children have all settled well and are working hard in all classes. As always they make us proud with their work ethic.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who have joined us for parents' evening and have spent time with their child's teacher learning about the curriculum and next steps in learning. If you haven't yet seen your child's teacher please drop into the Office to make an appointment.

Welcome

We have extended our Year 6 teaching team and welcome Mr Foster who will be leading 6 Oxford alongside Mrs Stokes. Mr Foster is a valuable addition to our team and we are very pleased to have him join us here at Tindal.

Head of School's Homework

The children always produce wonderfully creative homework and I am sure that this half term will be no different. To stay topical, I would like the children to produce work relating to Bonfire Night. On Thursday, we had the fire brigade in to educate the children about how to keep themselves safe and we would like to build on this. It may be through a piece of artwork, firework safety guidelines or anything their imagination leads them to. These will be displayed around the classrooms.

Football

Huge congratulations to the Tindal football team who played in a competition against local schools and made it through to the semi-final. I am sure this will be the first of many victories!

Lunch Money

From Monday 30th October, dinner money will rise to £2.25 per day due to a rise in catering charges. We have tried to keep this increase to a minimum. As always, please ensure that dinner money is paid at the beginning of each week.

Head Boy, Head Girl and Prefects

Candidates have recently given speeches to the entire school to convince each pupil to vote for them. It was a daunting task and nerves were on display for many of the children but they presented well and showed what wonderful citizens they are. Votes have been counted, it was a closely run contest, and we are delighted to announce Inzy as our new head boy and Saia as head girl. We also have eight prefects who will all be introducing themselves and their plans as Prefects in the next newsletter.

Meetings

As always, we welcome you to come and talk to us if you have a concern about your child and we will do our best to resolve any issues. Please could I ask parents not to bring friends or parents of other children with you to these meetings as often other children are mentioned and so meetings should be kept confidential.

I wish you all a safe and restful half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 30th October.

Mrs R Eaton

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