



Head of School's letter

October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our MacMillan coffee afternoon and gave generously to such a good cause. We raised a fantastic £190.73! Many of you stayed to chat with me and I was able to share with you our fantastic school in numbers. For anyone who was unable to come and meet me I would love to share our success with you.

Our school in numbers

Our Year 6 SATs results place us in the top 20% of schools in the country

For reading we are in the top 10% for attainment and 5% for progress

For maths we are in the top 20% for attainment and 25% progress

Overall we are the highest achieving Ark Primary School for combined results.

In Year 2 reading, writing and maths results were all above the Ark average and above the national average

I am incredibly proud to share these figures with you as they truly reflect the hard work that our children, staff and yourselves as parents put in and these results were well deserved.

Many of you stayed behind after the coffee afternoon to meet your child's teacher and familiarise yourself with your child's classroom and have a look at their books. It was lovely to see so many of you and I hope you found the experience valuable. On the same day we asked parents to fill in a questionnaire so that we can see any areas where you would like us to improve. The main issue that came up was that you would like us to give your child more homework suited to their age. Our phase leaders, Mr Rand, Miss Bath and Mrs Ivins are speaking with staff so look out for changes soon and please continue to feedback to us so that we can constantly improve.

Uniform

It is wonderful to see all of our children looking so smart in their uniform. It really does make a difference as we get so many positive comments from those who see our children in the community. If you are having any issues getting uniform from Clive Mark please pop into the school office and speak to us. We are aware of issues and are working with Clive Mark to rectify them.

Jewellery

Please remember that jewellery must be limited to one pair of small studs in the ear lobe. This is for the safety of your child in school so please do not be offended if we ask them to remove larger earrings or other jewellery.

Full Time Nursery

Thank you to the parents who have been to see me recently to talk about full time nursery spaces for their children. This is something that we are working towards and are pushing forwards to see happen. Unfortunately it is a long process but please be assured that whilst you may not see anything happening, there is a lot going on behind the scenes. Watch this space – I will update you with news as I get it.

Responsibility

It was lovely this week to have our Head Boy, Head Girl and Prefects appointed in Year Six. They had to apply by letter and only children with an exemplary history as a role model were awarded a job. We are incredibly proud of these children as they have made such a positive contribution to Ark Tindal already.

Sickness and vomiting

Please remember that if your child has vomited they must be completely clear of sickness for 48 hours before they can come back into the Academy. This is to help prevent the spread of germs to other children and to staff.

Texting Service

We often send texts to parents to keep them up-to-date with any issues or events. We can only do this if we have your correct mobile phone number. If yours has changed recently, or you haven't received any texts since September please pop in to update your details.

Book bags

Please check your child's book bag regularly for correspondence from the Academy. Although we use the text service frequently, we do also send letters and notes home for your information.

Stay and Play

We have been exploring the possibility of starting a Stay and Play group for our families and we are currently undertaking risk assessments. We have already had a good response from parents interested in taking part but if you would like to add your name to the list of interest, please see Mrs Mockbil.

Thank You

I would like to add a final thank you this week to all of our supportive parents without whom we could not achieve as much as we do. Your support to your children and our school is invaluable and by working together and communicating I know we can make many more improvements.

Best wishes,

Mrs R Eaton

Head of School