



Ark Tindal Primary Academy

Head of School's letter

September 2017



It has been a delight to see the pupils settle back into school; everyone is working so hard. We have had a lot of new staff join us this term and they are all settling well and getting to know our children. As you know pupils need to be in school every day to ensure that they learn and develop and reach their full potential. Our attendance target is 97% and it is important that every child achieves this target.

With best wishes,

Mrs R Eaton

Read Write Inc

Pupils in KS2 that need some extra reading practise have been invited into school for morning boosters.

If your child has been invited it is important that they attend so that they are able to catch up. This will help them not only in their classwork but also in the future.



Open Evening

On October 5th we are holding an open evening and we would love you to come to school to meet your child's teacher and learn about the topics they will be covering. This is an informal drop-in session from 3:45-5pm.

Themes

We have adopted the Rights Respecting approach to teaching the children about the rights and responsibilities that they have. So far we have looked at Human Rights, World Teaching Day and Building Back Better. Talk to your children to discover what we have been finding out.



Dinner money

Please note that the cost of a school dinner will be increasing to £2.25 per meal from Monday 30th October 2017 (after the Half Term Holiday).

Safeguarding

School gates continue to open at 8:35 in the morning and the doors open at 8:40am. It is your responsibility to stay with your child until they enter the school building - please don't drop them at the school gate.

After school all children should be collected from the playground at 3:15pm prompt. Please allow the teacher to get all of the class together before taking your child. If you need to see your child's teacher please wait until the pupils have been dismissed. Please note that by law we cannot let a child go home with anyone under the age of 16, even if they are a sibling.

Please make sure that the Office has your correct contact details. We have discovered that people on the Ciff-Gaff network do not always receive our texts. If you are on this network please provide an alternative number or e-mail address.

Uniform

The children are looking super smart in their uniforms and it is great to see so many in full 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 who are wearing skirts should wear tights or socks with them - not leggings.



Boots are not acceptable and we will phone home to have the correct school shoes brought in. Shoes should be worn throughout the winter; if absolutely necessary pupils can arrive at school in boots and change upon arrival. Headscarves must be plain white or black and must be of the pull-on variety. Again we will phone home to ensure the uniform policy is adhered to. Please note that we do have some ties in school which can be purchased from the Office for £4.00.

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.

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