



Ark Tindal Primary Academy

Head of School's letter of welcome

September 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to all of our families and a warm welcome to those new to our school. We hope you have had a wonderful summer (despite the weather) and the children are rested and ready for a term of hard work. There have been some changes.

- Following a questionnaire sent to parents we have now altered the times of the school day. The gates will open in a morning at 8:35am and the children will enter school at 8:40am. The children remain your responsibility until they go into the building so please **do not leave them** on the playground. Gates will close at 8:50am and any pupils arriving after this time must be taken to the School Office.
- Following the wishes of parents, school now finishes at 3:15pm. Many parents felt that this would allow more children to join in the after school clubs that are on offer. The gates onto the playground will open at 3:10pm.
- The Minibus, Walking Bus and Breakfast Club will begin on Monday 18th September. This allows time for the pupils to settle into new routines.
- After School Clubs will be starting in the next couple of weeks and your child will be given information about those which they are invited to attend. Please remember that clubs will finish at the earlier time of 4:15pm from now on and children attending must be collected promptly from the Bowen Studio, via the Cromer Road entrance, at that time.

Details of these changes and dates were sent out before the summer break by text and letter. If you do not receive our texts please pop into the Office to ensure that we have the correct mobile number for yourself. The letters are on the website and can be translated into other languages. Information regarding dates and times will also be put on Facebook and Twitter.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome a number of new staff who have joined our team.

In Nursery we have Mrs Tahira who will work alongside Miss Saboor.

In Reception Miss Luhar and Miss Walmsley join Miss Burns and are led by Mrs Ivins.

In Year One Mrs Kaur and Miss Smith join Miss Bi and Mrs Coffey.

In Year Two Miss Butler and Mr Reid are joined by Miss Iqbal and Mr Blake.

In Year Three we have Miss Muddiman and Mrs Zaman alongside Mrs Bains (congratulations to Miss Bath who got married over the summer).

In Year Four Mrs Thacker is joined by Mrs Al-Zeer and Miss Pearson.

In Year Five Mr Rand is joined by Miss Webster and Dr Abbott (congratulations to Miss Williams who got married over the summer).

In Year Six we congratulate Miss Taylor who became Mrs Stokes and will be working with Dr Laycock and Miss Francis.

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.

As always I look forward to a year of working closely with you and sharing the support of the community.

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