



Ark Tindal Primary Academy



What a wonderful January we have had. The atmosphere in school is one of learning and enthusiasm and it is wonderful to go in to lessons and see the children's desire to achieve. We are very proud to have all our pupils as part of the Tindal family.

Home time

Since the start of term we have had the new home time arrangements in place and they have received a lot of praise. It is certainly leading to a calmer atmosphere at home time and feels very safe. Thank you for your patience and co-operation whilst we have embedded this new practice – it truly makes a difference.



Please remember that the school day finishes at 3:15pm. Please call the Office if you are going to be late or if you need to send anyone else to collect your child, and please note that pupils can only be collected by people over the age of 16. If your child attends Reading Club they should be collected at 4pm and all other clubs finish at 4:15pm – all pupils attending clubs should be collected promptly from the Cromer Road entrance.

Celebration Assemblies



After Celebration Assemblies we have been enjoying sharing the work of the pupils with our new tea parties. These have been well attended by parents who seem to be enjoying them as much as the children. It is so wonderful to spend time hearing the children talk about their achievements and seeing how proud their parents are. Well done to everyone who has been to a tea party so far.

Attendance

We have had an increase in parents asking to take their children out of school for routine dentist and doctor appointments. These appointments have a large effect on your child's education and it is important that they are made for outside of school hours. No child will be released from school without an appointment card or letter from the GP or hospital. Similarly, pupils will not be released from school for the appointments of other family members.



Children have thirteen weeks of holiday from school each year. Please book your family holidays with this in mind. Removing your child from school means that they miss vital learning and then struggle to catch up.

School gates open at 8:35am each day and children are expected to enter school by 8:40am. Gates will close at 8:50am and any children arriving after this time will be marked as late.

Uniform

As always our uniform policy remains on our website. As a reminder: girls should wear pull-on headscarves and ensure they have a sports scarf for PE. Boots are not part of the school uniform and parents will be called to bring appropriate shoes into school. Boys should not have designs or lines shaved into their hair. Trainers are not acceptable. Pupils are asked to bring a tracksuit for PE as they will still be going outside but hoodies are not a part of the school uniform. A number of children have lost PE kit, whilst we appreciate that this can be frustrating for parents, most items found are unnamed. Please help us to help you by labelling every item your child brings to school.

Workshops

This half-term we will be holding a number of workshops providing you with the opportunity to work with your child in school. Please attend if you are able as this is a fabulous opportunity for you to learn new techniques to try with your child at home.

As always, if you have any queries about your child's education please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance. This can be after school or the office can make an appointment for you.



Meet our Staff - Year 2

 <p>Phase Lead and Year 2 Leads Teacher</p> <p>Hello! My name is Miss Butler and I am now in my 5th year of teaching, after starting at Ark Tindal as an NQT. I went to University in Swansea to study Criminology and Criminal Justice before deciding to go into teaching and completing my PGCE. I love being part of the Tindal Team - we are a very close community and it is a joy to work with children who have such a love of learning. Outside of school, I enjoy reading and walking in the Welsh Hills.</p>	 <p>Year 2 York Teacher</p> <p>Hello, my name is Miss Iqbal and this is my first year of teaching at Ark Tindal as a Newly Qualified Teacher. I studied Primary Education with QTS at Birmingham City University for three years. I love working as part of a supportive team to provide the best education for our pupils. Outside of school, I enjoy cooking, reading, painting and I love my cats!</p>	 <p>Graduate Co-Teacher</p> <p>Hello. I am Mr Blake and I am the Graduate Co-Teacher supporting the Year 2 teaching staff. I joined Ark Tindal in September and previously taught Music across Birmingham with the Music Service. I studied at Birmingham Conservatoire (part of BCU) and gained a BMus in Music. Apart from playing trombone and euphonium, I enjoying spending time with my new little baby boy, who is just 8 weeks old!</p>
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Safeguarding Information

Our Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of its pupils. We believe that everyone has an important part to play in child protection. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing or safety of any child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Miss Francis, Mrs Mockbil or Mrs Ivins. For your information, our Nominated Governor is Fiona Parkes, the Chair of Governors is Julie Farr and the Local Authority Designated Officers (LADOs) are Nora Malik, Salma Shabir and Tracey Johnson. Our Safeguarding Policy is available on the Academy website.