



Dear Parents/Carers,

How quickly the half term has passed once again. As always the children have impressed us with their knowledge and eagerness to learn. Parents have been invited to join us for a variety of in-school events and it has been a delight to be able to spend time with so many of you. If you've not joined us at a coffee morning or been to an Inspire event yet, we would love to see you next half term. I wish you a relaxing half-term break and look forward to seeing all the children back in school promptly on 25th February.

Wrap Up Warm

As the weather is continually changing and temperatures are fluctuating, please ensure your child is appropriately dressed. Your child should be bringing a warm coat to school every day. Could you also ensure that they wear sensible shoes with a good grip; if they are wearing boots to school these should be changed to shoes once they come into school.



Lost Property



We seem to have had an increase recently in the amount of lost property from all age ranges. Items are often found on the playground after break times which are not labelled and so it is impossible to return these to their owners. We have been able to secure for every child 5 free Stikins uniform/belongings labels, which stick easily onto clothes, shoes, bags, water bottles etc. without sewing or ironing. These were sent home with your child this week. If you would like to order more labels, you can do so via the Stikins website at <https://www.stikins.co.uk/about/name-tags-for-kids/>. Whether you choose to use labels or not, could you please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your son/daughter's name, so that any items of lost property can be returned to their rightful owner as soon as possible. Your son/daughter can visit lost property at break time, lunchtime or after school. All property is the responsibility of the owner so please encourage your child to take care of their own things.

Home Time

May I remind parents that school finishes at 3:15pm. Pupils who are regularly late to collect their child will be asked to attend a meeting with myself or Miss Francis to discuss how we can help to ensure your child is collected on time and to plan for next steps. No pupil will be allowed to go home with anyone under the age of 16. We are currently looking into establishing an after school (wrap around) club. This will be a paid for club that will operate until 6pm.



Celebration Assemblies

Congratulations

Both children and parents have enjoyed the celebration tea parties this half term and we welcome feedback on these. Thank you to everyone who has attended so far and I look forward to spending time with you at one soon if you have yet to be invited. Congratulations to all children who have earned a certificate through their hard work so far this half term.

Attendance






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.

The school doors open at 8:40am each day and children are expected to enter school by 8:45am. 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. Please remember over the holiday that pupils must not have lines/ designs shaved into their hair. Headscarves should be pull-on and sports scarves worn for PE. 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. Please help us to help you by labelling every item your child brings to school.

Meet our Staff – Reception Team

 <p>EYFS Lead</p>	 <p>Reception Warwick Teacher</p>	 <p>Reception Coventry Teacher</p>
<p>Hello, I'm Mrs Ivins I've been working in education for 8 years and teaching at Ark Tindal for 4 years I grew up in a family of teachers so I always knew that I wanted to teach! I went to the University of Northampton to study for a degree in Early Childhood where I specialised in teaching under 5s. After that, I came to Ark Tindal to train to become a primary teacher with the Ark Teacher Training programme. When I'm not in the classroom I can usually be found spending time with my family and walking my dog, Jim!</p>	<p>Hi, my name is Miss Nazmeen. My mother has been my biggest inspiration as she was previously a pre-school teacher and now manages her own day care nursery I've been working in Early Years for 3 years. Before joining Tindal, I was a Reception Teacher for almost 2 years at a school in Sandwell. I joined Ark Tindal last April and I love the enthusiasm of all of the pupils here who really want to learn. Outside of school, I am very sporty and enjoy swimming and playing tennis when I can. I spend time with my family and enjoy travelling to countries like Morocco, Dubai, Turkey and France.</p>	<p>Hi, my name is Miss Burns! I originally trained as a mental health nurse, working in several different hospitals in Birmingham over 4 years. I re-trained as a teacher in 2016, teaching in Reception, which I love. I really enjoy being creative and making things with the children. I also really love animals and this is one of my favourite topics to discuss with them! I don't like eating meat because I am a life-long vegetarian. I also have a pet leopard gecko, named Ernie!</p>

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.