



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to what promises to be a jam-packed, exciting half term. I can scarcely believe we are in week two of the term already, the holidays seem a distant but wonderful memory. I hope you all found time to relax and unwind ready for the New Year.

As always, I look forward to a year of working closely with you and sharing the support of the community as our wonderful school continues to go from strength to strength.

There is a link on our website to the parent survey. If you haven't yet completed this please go on the website and make your views heard. We are always looking for ways to improve and your contribution will enable us to achieve this.

Ark Tindal ranked 16th in Birmingham!

We returned to school amid wonderful news. School performance has been published and we are delighted to announce that we are ranked 16th out of all of the schools in Birmingham. It also places us in the top 5% of schools across England. This is a true reflection of the dedication of every member of staff here at Tindal who work so tirelessly to give your children the most exceptional education. Our results for Early Years, Phonics, Year Two SATs and Year Six SATs were all above the national average and are rising year on year. Having introduced a new curriculum in 2016, we continue to improve it to reflect topics that children need to know in the modern world to prepare them for being responsible citizens. Each year group will be holding parent workshops throughout the term so please join us to find out more about what your child is learning.

The Real Schools Guide 2019	
SCHOOL NAME	ARK TINDAL PRIMARY ACADEMY
LOCAL AUTHORITY	BIRMINGHAM
RATING	*****
OVERALL	66.6/100
RANK	821/14,749
ATTAINMENT	*****
ATTAINMENT FOR ALL	*****
PROGRESS	*****
ATTENDANCE	****

As you can see our area to focus on is attendance. This is something we can only do with the support of parents so please remember not to book appointments for your children during school time or take holidays. Every day at school is a day of learning and even missing the last few days of term can have a dramatic impact.

A number of parents from Ark Tindal have been fined this academic year for poor attendance so please be aware that if your child's attendance drops below 90% we will take action. If your child is feeling a little under the weather, please do still try to bring them in - we will monitor them closely and advise you if they are too unwell to stay in school. Often once the children are in school and busy at work and play, they start to feel much better.



Values

We continue to focus on our three values: Ambition, Resilience, Respect. These values link to everything we do throughout our school and permeate every second of our day. This week we are thinking about respect and how we can show respect for each other, ourselves and the things that are around us. We have a particular focus on respecting each other's beliefs and celebrating the opportunities to learn something new. Please discuss this with your child, as through tolerance and respect we can build a better future.

After school care

We are currently looking into the possibility of offering on site after school care (wrap around) facilities for pupils at Ark Tindal. We would like to know whether our parents would be interested in this option for our pupils. Please complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W97KWXR> to let us know your thoughts.

Your views
count!

Uniform

Uniform forms a large part of our shared identity here at Ark Tindal and as such it is important that your child wears full uniform every day. This includes a tie. Headscarves should be pull on (no pins under any circumstances) and in black or grey. Black or grey tights should be worn under skirts – no leggings and skirts and trousers must not be worn together. Boots are not permitted as footwear and this has been reiterated throughout the newsletters. If your child comes to school in boots please expect them to be asked to change into pumps during the day and there will be a phone call home to ask you to bring in the correct footwear. Boys must not have lines shaved into their heads; this is not part of our school identity.

PE continues to be held outside. Please ensure that your child has a plain tracksuit in school every day. We have a small amount of kit that can be lent to pupils but they would prefer to wear their own. PE kits need to go home for washing at the end of each half term and should be kept in school during term-time. For full uniform policy please go onto the school website.

Please remember to send your child into school with a coat, hats, gloves and scarf in the cold weather.

Parent and Carer Coffee Mornings

Our weekly Coffee Mornings resumed this week and will take place every Tuesday from 8:50am - 9:50am. All are welcome! The sessions for this half term will be:

Tuesday 22nd January: Anawin Community Project and Chair of Governors visiting

Tuesday 29th January: Maths with Mr Reid

Tuesday 5th February: English with Mrs Ivins

Thursday 14th February: Women's Coffee Morning with PCSO Whelan



Nursery

We have a very limited number of Nursery places available. Our Nursery runs from 8:40am-12:30pm every day and is free. Please come in to the Office to collect an application form if you are interested in a place.

Reception 2019

The deadline for applications for Reception places has now passed. If your child is due to start Reception this September, you will now need to make a late application. If you need any support in doing this, please contact the Office.

Friends of Ark Tindal

Are you interested in becoming more involved in Ark Tindal? We are looking for enthusiastic, committed parents, carers and family members who would like to make a difference and support the Academy through fundraising, community events and in-school activities. Please see Mrs Mockbil to register your interest.

Dads' Group

We would like to set up a Dads' Group in school to help promote learning across the age ranges and provide positive male role models to our pupils. Could you spare an hour a week for our children? Speak to Mrs Mockbil for further information.



International Day of Happiness



Look out for upcoming details of an event to celebrate the International Day of Happiness on Wednesday 20th March 2019.

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.

