



Dear Parents/Carers

As we progress further into the half term, winter is certainly making its presence felt! Although a few snowdrops are showing around the school grounds, the cold weather is setting in. We still ensure that our children have time to learn and play outside whenever possible, so please send your child with appropriate warm outer clothing every day. Please also ensure that we have your up to date contact information in the Office in case of very bad weather. Why not take time this weekend to go to a park, or take a walk with your children and look for signs of winter?

Trips and Visitors

We have already begun our termly class enrichment trips; Year 4 visited the Library of Birmingham to have a tour, learn about its facilities and visit the Sky Garden. They also had a visit from personnel from the West Midlands Fire Service, who delivered their SPARKS fire safety presentation, teaching us about fire safety in the home, the importance of checking smoke alarms regularly, how to stop, drop and roll and personal safety. We also welcomed a small group of sixth form students from King Edward's School who led a debating workshop with some of our Year 5 pupils.

The Borchers Shield Maths Challenge

Congratulations to our maths whizzes May, Abdullah, Qasim and Zak who took part in the final of The Borchers Shield last week at King Edward's School. It was a very tough competition with the team pitting their wits against other heat winners, but they persevered and did their best when representing the Academy. Well done to the team - we are very proud of you!

Celebration Assemblies

Celebration Assemblies will now be held on Friday afternoons for the whole school. This is to allow us as a whole community to share in celebrating the achievements of all of our pupils, from Reception all the way up to Year 6. Parents/carers of pupils receiving awards will be invited to join us for the Headteacher's tea party prior to assembly, and then to see their child receive their certificate afterwards. This is a lovely event and something that is wonderful to share, so please do try to come along.

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!

Parent Survey

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.

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.





Dinner money

Just to remind you that the cost of a school dinner is now £2.30 and payment for lunches should be made on Monday for the week ahead. If you think that you may be eligible for Free School Meals for your child, please visit the Office to collect an application form.

After School Clubs

Our new after school clubs are underway! We are so lucky that we have such talented staff here who are leading clubs in many different areas, from Latin Social Dance to creative writing, multi sports skills to Human Rights and debating. We hope the children enjoy learning all these new skills.

Meet our Staff – Nursery Team

 <p>EYFS Lead</p>	 <p>Nursery Teacher</p>	 <p>Nursery Teacher</p>	 <p>Early Years Practitioner</p>
<p>Hello, I'm Mrs Ivins. I've been working in education for 9 years and teaching at Ark Tindal for 5 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>Hello! My name is Mrs Crichton and I have been a teacher for just over 30 years. I went to Nottingham Trent University to study for a Bed (Hons) in Education, specialising in mathematics and psychology. I have had a varied career working across the primary year groups. I also enjoyed working as an EAL teacher in France for several years and as school SENDCO in Hampshire. Now I am happy to be a part of the Tindal team and look forward to getting to know you all better. I really enjoy working in Nursery with such a lively, enthusiastic group of children. Outside of school, I enjoy reading, cooking and writing stories.</p>	<p>Hello, I am Miss Saboor and I am one of the Nursery Teachers. I joined Ark Tindal as a Receptionist in the Office in 2014, but I have a degree in Early Childhood Studies from Newman University and now teach in the Nursery. In my spare time I love to meet up with my friends and spend time with my family. I love working as part of the Ark Tindal community and with all of my colleagues.</p>	<p>Hello, my name is Miss Connolly and this is my first year of teaching in Nursery at Ark Tindal. I studied at The University of Worcester for three years gaining a degree in Early Years and Integrated Working with Children and Families. Over the last three years, I volunteered in a local school working with reception, nursery and SEND children. I love being part of the Tindal team who care so much about their pupils and their education. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with family, cooking and swimming.</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.