



Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy half term it has been. The children have all settled well and are working hard in all classes. As always, they make us proud with their work ethic and it has been wonderful to hear from them how they have been responding to our school values of Ambition, Resilience and Respect. Please continue to talk to your children about what they can do at home and when out in the community to demonstrate these values.

I wish you all a happy and safe half term break and look forward to seeing parents and pupils at 8:40am on November 5th.



Parents' Evening

Next half term we will be holding parents' evenings and would like to see every parent. In response to parent feedback we have changed how we organise these meetings. Each year group will have a day set aside for parents to make appointments to come and speak about their child. Any parents who cannot attend during the day will have the opportunity to make an appointment for before or after school.

Halloween and Fireworks



As always, we want the children to stay safe and so we have been reminding them of the dangers of Trick or Treating and will be talking about fireworks. Please talk to your child about these dangers so that we are all giving the same message.

Trips and Visits

This year we have booked all of our trips for the year well in advance to help parents to plan ahead. Trips are closely linked to the topics your child will be studying and are a fantastic way to enrich their learning. Year One have already had the police in to work with them on road safety which was a very enjoyable session with an important message. Year Three have visited Sarehole Mill and I am looking forward to seeing the work that they produce from this.

Reading



Reading is one of the most important activities you can do with your child and this is from Nursery (preferably before!) to Year Six and beyond. Please make time to listen to your child read or read to them for a short amount of time each day. Research shows that children who don't read have much smaller vocabularies than children who are listened to on a regular basis. This then affects their education and general understanding as they go through life. Please support us with this and start a conversation with your child's teacher through using the reading diaries.

Head Boy, Head Girl and prefects

Candidates have recently given speeches to the entire school to convince each pupil to vote for them. It was a daunting task and nerves were on display for many of the children, but they presented well and showed what wonderful citizens they are. Votes have been counted, it was a closely run contest, and we are delighted to announce Adam as our new Head Boy and Aila as Head Girl. We also have six prefects who will all be introducing themselves and their plans as prefects in the next newsletter.



Homework Books

After half term, we will be trialling a new homework book in years 3-6 in response to requests from parents. Thank you to everyone who brought in money towards these books during the non-uniform day. If you have not yet contributed but are able to, please send £2 in with your child to give to their class teacher.



Meetings

As always, we welcome you to come and talk to us if you have a concern about your child and we will do our best to resolve any issues. Please begin by raising the issue with your child's class teacher or Year Group Lead. Staff are available after school or an appointment can be made via the Office. If you are making an appointment via the office, please let them know what the concern is so that we can ensure that the most appropriate person is available to meet with you.

Inspection

This week we have had a Peer Review take place in school led by an Ofsted Inspector and a group of local headteachers and deputies. We are delighted to say that they were impressed with the standard of education being provided here at Ark Tindal and we want to shout it from the rooftops to celebrate this success!



In a number of year groups, we have spaces available for children to join us. If you know anyone looking for a school place please ask them to pop into the School Office so that we can give them a tour to show them how wonderful our school is.

Meet our Staff – Site and Office Team

 <p>Site Manager</p>	 <p>Assistant Site Manager</p>	 <p>Receptionist</p>	 <p>PA to the Headteacher</p>
<p>Hello, I'm Mr Mann. I am the Site Manager here at Ark Tindal. My job is extremely rewarding, I work alongside a great team, in a fantastic school that teaches 400 heart-warming children. Outside of work I love spending time with my little girl. I also like making and playing music, writing horrible stories, struggling with Taekwondo and keeping to my 20 year diet plan.</p>	<p>Hello, my name is Ms Bognar and I am the Assistant Site Manager and violin teacher at Ark Tindal. I have been working here for 12.5 years. Tindal is my home and all members of staff are like family to me. I studied violin at the University of Music and Performing in Vienna. I played in the <u>Jeunesse</u> Orchestra under the leadership of Claudio <u>Abbado</u> and I played in my father's Hungarian folk music quartet everywhere in Europe, starting at just 4 years old. Outside of school, I play music with my friends and I am passionate about Astrology and Holistic medicine.</p>	<p>Hello, I am Mrs Begum and I am the Receptionist here at Ark Tindal. I have always worked in the education sector, previously as SEND Support and Family Support Worker. This is my 3rd Year at Tindal; I am fortunate to be working amongst an incredible team. I grew up in this community and feel really happy to be giving something back to it. In my spare time, I enjoy reading and spending time with my family</p>	<p>Hello, I'm Mrs Armitage and I have been working at Ark Tindal for 4.5 years. I love speaking with our amazing children and families every day and I feel very lucky to be part of such a fantastic school family amongst dedicated staff. I am originally from Kent and I have a degree in Drama and Theatre Studies from the University of Roehampton in London, where I lived for 5 years. Outside of work, I love spending time with my daughter, watching theatre and films and reading every day. I love music, especially singing and have been singing in choirs since I was at primary school.</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.