



Dear Parents/Carers,

How lovely it is to be coming to school in the morning in daylight – if only the weather would also improve! However, the weather does not hold us back here at Ark Tindal and we have had a very busy fortnight. Our eggs in Early Years have hatched and we are currently the proud parents of eight chicks. It has been wonderful watching Reception interact with the chicks and I have enjoyed hearing all about them. Year One have been out and about panning for gold and Year Five have experienced a day in the rainforest. We also had a group of children from Years Four, Five and Six get up exceptionally early this week to go to London to be part of WE day, where they were fortunate enough to hear inspirational speeches from a range of celebrities including Prince Harry! Our children really are lucky with the extent of the adventures we are able to offer them!

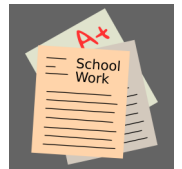
As always, I thank you all for the support you offer to the school and look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.



## Inspection time

Last week we had a visit, organised by Ark, for an inspector to come and look at the progress we have made here at Ark Tindal since our Ofsted visit in June. I am delighted to be able to share with you that the findings are that we are making progress against all of the targets Ofsted set and she was very positive about all aspects of our school.

Many parents met with Miss Francis this week to look at how our curriculum is developing as we aim to broaden the topics and enrich learning in a variety of ways. Parents were positive and agreed with the topics we have selected that we believe will enable our pupils to become responsible citizens.



We are also delighted to share with you that not only are we ranked the 16th best primary school in Birmingham, we have also had a letter from the Department of Education to congratulate us for being in the top 3% of schools for progress nationally for the second year running. Well done Ark Tindal!

## Celebration Assemblies

It has been wonderful to have so many parents joining us to share in the children's achievements at our weekly tea parties. These will be hosted by myself, Miss Francis, Mr Rand, Mrs Bains and Mrs Ivins to give children a chance to share their success with a widening range of adults, I hope you will continue to join us.

## Lost Property



Each child in school has received a name labelling pack from Stikins. Please use these to label your child's items so that if they are misplaced they can be returned to the rightful owner. In a school of over 400 pupils, if you do not label your child's belongings we will be unable to find them. All property is the responsibility of the owner so please encourage your child to take care of their own things and not to bring unnecessary items to school.

## Wrap-around Care

Following feedback from parents we launched our survey to discover if parents are interested in us providing wrap-around care on-site. Whilst we recommend The Nest for after school care, many parents have fed back that they do not want their child taken off-site at the end of the day. There was a good response to the survey with a large volume of parents wanting after-school care. This will not replace our regular after-school clubs and will be run by an external company. More details will follow shortly.



## Staffing

Miss Din has taken the decision to leave Ark Tindal and I know that Year Four are sad to see her go. The wonder of our three teacher model is that Miss Sinha has been able to seamlessly fill her shoes. We will recruit for a replacement but know that the children will have no break in continuity as Miss Sinha already knows them and the Year Four curriculum.

## Meet our Staff – Year 1 Team

 <p><b>Year 1 Lead</b></p>	 <p><b>1 Liverpool Teacher</b></p>	 <p><b>1 Manchester Teacher</b></p>	 <p><b>Arkt Teacher Trainee</b></p>
<p>My name is Mrs Bains I went to Nottingham Trent University to study psychology and followed this degree with a PGCE at Birmingham City University I joined Ark Tindal as an NQT 6 years ago and have loved every minute here! The pupils at Ark Tindal bring me joy every day and I feel very lucky to be part of the Tindal Team. In my spare time I love to curl up in a comfortable chair with a good book - particularly books written by Roald Dahl!</p>	<p>Hello, my name is Miss Webster and this is my second year of teaching at Ark Tindal!! I studied English at Brunel University London and after teaching abroad for two years, I came to Birmingham and gained my PGCE. I love working as part of a supportive team to provide the best education for our pupils. Outside of school I love reading, writing and taking my dogs for walks!</p>	<p>Hello! My name is Miss Luhar and I teach in Year 1. This is my second year of teaching so far after starting at Ark Tindal as a Newly Qualified Teacher. I gained a degree in English Language from Aston University before deciding to complete my PGCE so I could pursue my dream of teaching! I enjoy working as part of a creative and supportive team which strives to deliver the best education to all our pupils. In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, movies and curling up on the sofa with a good book and my cat!</p>	<p>Hello! My name is Ms Higgins and I'm currently a trainee teacher in Year 1. I joined Ark Tindal in April 2018 after working in a number of different volunteering and education charities, and I love being in the classroom! I have an undergraduate degree in English and a Masters degree in African Studies, and I enjoy teaching lessons about different parts of the world. When I'm not at school, I can be found cooking, reading or riding my bike!</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.