



What a year we have had! It seems to have flown by and once again we are ready to say goodbye to our Year Six pupils and welcome new families to Tindal as they begin their journey through education. The year has seen us develop a new curriculum to really meet the needs of our children and many parents have been involved in the development of it. We have been out making links in the community to enable us to offer more enrichment opportunities to our pupils and the children have benefitted from this. Trips to Weston saw many children enjoying the traditional British seaside for the first time - they were very lucky with the weather. Year Six have had numerous adventures including a day at Blackwell where they zoomed down the zipwire, took part in an archery competition and competed to build the tallest crate stack whilst standing at the top of it! We can't forget Year Six's epic 7 mile walk around the Malvern Hills and poor Mr Rand's sunburn. So many memories have been made in each year group and I know both children and staff will treasure them for years to come.

It has been a wonderful year and I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 4th September and hearing about your wonderful adventures. For those leaving us I wish you a fantastic time at your next school.



## Year Six SATs

On Tuesday 9th July we received our eagerly awaited SATs results. Once again our children have achieved well above the nation's average with 77% of children meeting the expected standards in reading, writing and mathematics. Nationally the average was 65%. This can only be achieved through the dedication of all of us - staff, pupils and parents, so a huge thank you to everyone who came to school every day, attended morning school and after school boosters, came to Saturday school and gave up part of the Easter holidays to do more SATs revision. It really was worth it. Congratulations to everyone for doing so well!

## Carnival

After the disappointment of having to cancel our Community Day due to the dismal June weather we were delighted to have the opportunity to shine at the Balsall Heath Carnival. It was a very successful day for Ark Tindal with us winning two second places for the staff race and the overall competition and two firsts for the intergenerational race and best dressed school. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the school at such an exciting event.



## Year Six Residential

Next year we are hoping to go on a residential trip with our Year Six pupils; hopefully this will be an annual event that the children can look forward to as they progress through the school. Places are limited and we can only take thirty pupils. If your child is in Year Six in September and you would like them to go on the residential trip please keep your eyes peeled in September for more information. It is a costly event and so we will be setting up payment plans to ensure that pupils who want to go are able to afford it.

Have a wonderful summer –  
we'll see you after the holidays!

## **Tindal's Got Talent**

From magicians to Bollywood Dancers, singer/songwriters to poets, our first Tindal's Got Talent competition was a fantastic success! Our VIP panel was so impressed with the commitment and hard work which pupils had put into rehearsing their acts, and the bravery shown by those who performed in front of so many of their peers. We are delighted to announce that the Key Stage 1 winning act was from 1 Liverpool with their song and dance act to "Oh I just can't wait to be king" from The Lion King. The Key Stage 2 winner was Max from 6 Oxford, who sang "Wild Horses" by The Rolling Stones, accompanying himself on the guitar! The overall winner was Salha from 5 Leicester who wrote her own song about her first day at Ark Tindal and sung unaccompanied in French. Thank you to everyone who took part and all the staff who were involved in arranging this fantastic event.

## **End of year Discos**

Thank you to everyone who was involved in organising the end of year disco parties for the pupils. This is the first year that we have run these events and the children attending had a wonderful time with their friends. Special thanks to Ms Arrowsmith for being a fantastic DJ for the evening!

## **Uniform**

Despite constant reminders, some pupils are still wearing incorrect uniform on a daily basis. Being part of the Ark Tindal community means that we wear our uniform as a badge of pride, it creates an identity for our school and is an important part of being a student here. In September we will be following up all inconsistencies in uniform with parents and we will expect these to be rectified immediately.

Girls: Black or grey tights or socks, grey skirt, dresses or trousers (no leggings), white shirt (not a polo t-shirt), school jumper, tie. If wearing a headscarf it must be of the pull on variety and be short in plain black or grey, plain black shoes – boots or trainers are unacceptable.

Boys: Grey trousers, black or grey socks, white shirt (not a polo t-shirt), school jumper, tie, plain black shoes – boots or trainers are unacceptable. Lines or shapes shaved into hairstyles are not part of our ethos and so must be restyled before returning to school.

Blazers should be worn in Years 5 and 6.

PE: plain black or grey tracksuit bottoms or shorts, white t-shirt, plain black or grey jumper – no hoodies. If girls wish to wear headscarf during PE they must bring a sports style one, otherwise the expectation is that the scarf will be removed for safety reasons. If a child forgets their PE kit we do have some that can be lent to them, this consists of a t-shirt and shorts. PE is a statutory subject and so if your child does not want to wear shorts they must bring their own trousers- children will not be allowed to miss PE or wear non-PE kit for the lesson.

Please ensure that you buy the correct uniform as pupils are expected to adhere to the dress code.

## **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.