

# Newsletter

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014



ARK Dickens  
Primary Academy

## Dear Parents

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 60 of our Upper School children from Years 5 and 6 were invited to Portsmouth dockyard for the day to take part in the Victorian Christmas celebrations. The children dressed in Victorian costumes and sang songs from the musical Oliver in keeping with the Dickens theme. The children sang beautifully and we were so proud of them all. It was a thoroughly entertaining day. The children even got the opportunity to go on board The Victory and to top the day off staff and pupils were interviewed for Radio Solent. Well done to everyone who represented Ark Dickens Primary Academy on the day.

Mr C Duncan (Headteacher)



**Carol Concert at Guildhall Square:** 20 of our children took part in the annual Carol Concert at Guildhall Square on Monday evening and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The children did us proud and all sang brilliantly.

**Carol Singing at The Cascades:** Year 3 children will be singing carols at the Cascades Shopping Centre in Portsmouth on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec from 11.30 – 12.00noon to raise money for the Autism in Hampshire Charity. Please go along and give your support if you can.

**Pantomime Visit:** The children and staff are all looking forward to our visit to the Kings Theatre to see the pantomime Aladdin on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> (upper school) and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> (lower school) December. Please remember the children will be late back to school at approximately 4.00pm on those two afternoons.

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**Christmas Dinner:** This year's school Christmas Dinner is on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. All dinners have now been booked for children requesting one on this day. Please remember to provide your child with a packed lunch on the 17th if you didn't return the signed slip to order a Christmas dinner.



**Children in Need Fundraising:** Don't forget we are fund raising for Children In Need on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** by having a 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Children may come to school wearing a 'Christmas Jumper' instead of their school jumpers or cardigans, **along with their usual school uniform** (grey trousers, skirts, etc). We will be asking for a 50p donation for any child that would like to wear their 'Christmas Jumper' that day and all proceeds will go towards Children in Need. Staff are invited to join in with this too! If your child doesn't have a 'Christmas Jumper' feel free to customize a jumper they already own...get creative!

<b>WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS</b>				
<b>WEEK BEGINNING (Fri to Thurs)</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School)</b> 	<b>%</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School)</b> 	<b>%</b>
17th November 2014	Weller	99.1%	Pickwick	98.3%
24th November 2014	Copperfield	98.5%	Twist	97.9%
<b>Well done to the winning classes!</b>				

## **HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE**

Congratulations to those pupils who have received the Headteacher's Certificate. Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> November the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'CHALLENGE'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Hayden Relf and Dollie Johnson</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Jaheim Johnson and Ebony Bailey</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Harry Miller and Alex Luczak</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Kyle Barton and Phoebe Street</b>
<b>Years 5/6</b>	<b>Emily Fudger, Lauren Dixon and Millie Brinkley</b>		

Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> November the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'EFFORT'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Yasar Sakhi and Wahaj Al-Ansari</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Layla Devlin and Daisy-Marie Moore</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Lincoln Ward and Samia Hussain</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Mahi Islam and Amy Barnett</b>
<b>Year 5/6</b>	<b>Aiden Tombs, Viktoria Kurseva and Kerry Tash</b>		

### Dates for your diary

<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>Parents Group @ 2pm</b>
<b>Weds 10<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>Upper School visit to the Panto</b>
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>Lower School visit to the Panto</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>Christingle Service at All Saints Church</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>Upper School Lead Learners Assembly</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>Lower School Lead Learners Assembly</b>
<b>Weds 17<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day!</b>
<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>/Fri 19<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>Christmas Productions</b>
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>Break up for Christmas Holiday (3pm finish)</b>
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> January:</b>	<b>Back to school</b>

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