

Newsletter

12th February 2015



ARK Dickens
Primary Academy

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that dinner money is always payable in advance. Please bring your child's dinner money to the school cash office on a Monday morning for the week ahead. We are unable to offer any credit facilities and it is important that dinner money is collected and banked immediately in accordance with ARK's financial regulations.

For those parents who currently owe dinner money can you please settle this debt by half term (Friday 13th February) so that we can bring our accounts up to date. Anyone who continues to owe dinner money next half term will be asked to provide a packed lunch for their child until the debt is cleared. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reminder: FRIDAY 13th FEBRUARY is an INSET day and the school will not be open to the children. School is also closed next week for half-term and will re-open on MONDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2015.

Pastoral Team: We have a hard working pastoral team in school who have parent drop-in sessions every day from 9.00 – 9.30am. If you have any worries or concerns or you just want to share information or seek advice from a team member please do not hesitate to call in to school any morning from 9.00-9.30am.

ARK Maths Challenge: I'm very pleased to let you know that children from Year 2 to Year 6 have now competed in the ARK Maths Challenge. All the children who took part did an absolutely splendid job of representing the school and I would like to say a huge big well done and thank you to them and the staff who accompanied them.

School Football: The school football team played their first competitive match recently and managed to win away at ARK Ayrton which is never an easy ground to go to! Well done to all the players and the coaching staff – it was a fantastic team performance. Many thanks also to the parents who went along and cheered on the team. A full match report will appear on the website soon. Also, watch this space for details of the next fixture.

Library News: Years 5 and 6 now have the fantastic opportunity to be able to read e-books both in school and at home. The Portsmouth School Library Service is providing schools with an on-line reading library and all students involved have been issued with their own logon's to use the system. The e-books can be read on any device that can access the internet, e.g. laptops, smartphones, tablets and PC's giving students the freedom to read wherever and whenever they want.

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS				
WEEK BEGINNING (Fri to Thurs)	ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School) 	%	ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School) 	%
26 th January	Copperfield	98.4%	Micawber/SparklerAM	95.2/97%
2 nd February	Jaggers	97.1%	Nickleby	95.7%

Well done to the winning classes!

HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE

Congratulations to those pupils who have received the Headteacher's Certificate.

Week beginning: 26th January 2015 the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'Challenge'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Reception	Jahziel Johnson & Jayden Male	Year 1	Lorenzo Zammit & Andrew Fragata
Year 2	Bethany Rowe & Jayla Emosivwe	Year 3	John Leeming & Adey Carnall
Year 4	Courtney Byrne & Rahi Taslima	Year5/6	Charlie Large, Marshall Sturgess & Jack Becque

Week beginning: 2th February 2015 the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'Effort'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Reception	Tyler Reilly & Dottie Sharpe	Year 1	Twist Class & Mehraj Hoque
Year 2	Kyra-Rose Upchurch & Naima Ahmed	Year 3	Zhandos Kellett & Nabila Azad
Year 4	Charlie Stuart & Shumaiya Chowdhury	Year5/6	Marc Deadman, Jessica Ralph & Millie Brinkley

LEAD LEARNERS

Congratulations also to all the pupils named below who were recognized for making excellent progress and being Lead Learners this half-term. It was also great to have so many parents coming along to see their children receive their certificates at our recent Lead Learners Assemblies.

Reception	Marcie-May Stanley, Yafiet Brhane, Jayden Male, Jessica Li	Year 1	Jo Anakpo-King, Gabriela Ponska, Andrew Fragata, Dollie Johnson
Year 2	Daisy- Marie Moore, Archie Goad, Vanessa Neuts, Harry Huntley	Year 3	Jamie Payne, Jackie Tash, Taylor Colwell, Oliwier Ozigowicz
Year 4	Adetola Adenrian, Tasnuba Chowdhury, Milly Devlin, Nathan Chase	Year5/6	Danar Hariri, Lacey Johnson Sharmina Khan, Tyrin Palmer, Tania Begum, Jamie Anders

Dates for your diary

Thursday 12 th February	Break up for Half Term
Friday 13 th February	Inset Day
Monday 23 rd February	School re-opens
Wednesday 4 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 5 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 2 nd April	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 20 th April	School re-opens
Monday 4 th May	Bank holiday
Friday 22 nd May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 1 st June	School re-opens
Friday 19 th June	Inset Day
Friday 26 th June	Inset Day
Tuesday 21 st July	Break up for summer holidays

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