

# Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> January 2015



**ARK Dickens**  
Primary Academy

Dear Parents

**Happy New Year and welcome back to Ark Dickens Primary Academy.**

As this is the start of a brand new year and a brand new term it is a good time remind all our parents and children how important it is to arrive at school on time and ready for learning each and every day. Any children arriving after the register closes at 9.10am will receive a "U" code which is an unauthorised absence for the morning session. Punctuality is vitally important especially at the start of the day so that children come in to school happy and settle quickly into their class routine. Children who come to school late often miss the beginning of lessons at the start of the day and this can lead to them being unsettled and missing key information.

We endeavour to do all that we can to support parents and children at Ark Dickens around attendance and punctuality. If you are experiencing any difficulties please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss how we can support you and your child. We only inform the Local Authority when parents do not engage with us to help make improvements.

**Carol Singing at The Cascades:** You may remember Year 3 sang carols at the Cascades Shopping Centre in Portsmouth on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 11.30 – 12.00noon to raise money for the Autism in Hampshire Charity. We are delighted to report that the children helped to raise a total of £407.35 for this charity. Congratulations to all those who took part and thank you to everyone who contributed – a fantastic effort all round!

**Mr C Duncan**  
(Headteacher)

**National Hat Day:** We will be holding a themed lunch day on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January to coincide with National Hat Day so we thought a Mad Hatter's Tea Party theme would fit nicely. It should be a lot of fun and we would like to encourage as many pupils as possible to have a school lunch on the 15<sup>th</sup> January. We would also like to remind parents that universal infant free school meals are available so please encourage your child to give them a go.

**Free Fruit:** We are continuing to provide free fruit to all children throughout the school at **breaktimes** this term. This is another reminder that you do not need to send any money in with your children for a snack at breaktimes.

JOIN US ON  
**JANUARY 15TH**  
FOR THE...

**MAD HATTERS  
TEA PARTY**

Mad Hatters Hot Dog in a  
Roll  
Or  
Cheshire Cat's Cheesy  
Pizza

Served with  
Alice's favourite Chips &  
Beans  
OR  
White Rabbit's favourite  
Potato Salad & Salad Bar

Queen of Hearts Jam Tart  
with Custard

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS				
WEEK BEGINNING (Fri to Thurs)	ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School) 	%	ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School) 	%
2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2015	Copperfield	98.4%	Pickwick	94.5%
<b>Well done to the winning classes!</b>				

## HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE

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

Week beginning: 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'EFFORT'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Reception	Shannon Manhire, Madina Siddiq	Year 1	Jo Anakpo King, Tanvir Hussain
Year 2	Harry Huntley, Hamzah Ahmed	Year 3	Michael Hallman, Whole Class 'Weller'
Year 4	Adetola Adeniran, Lewis Farminer	Year5/6	Jazmin Jewell, Archie Burton, Saidur Choudhury

### Dates for your diary

Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> February @ 2.00pm	Parents Forum Meeting
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for Half Term
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	School re-opens
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Break up for summer holidays

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