

Newsletter

8th May 2015



ARK Dickens
Primary Academy

Dear Parents/Carers

Summer Term: Welcome back after the Easter holidays. We're always keen to get the children to take part in as much off-site learning as possible and I know lots of trips are planned for this term. Year 2 (featured opposite) have already been out and about and had a great trip to Southsea beach in preparation for some special story writing.

Summer Term is also that time of the year when we have our end of Key Stage assessments and next week Year 6 will be taking their SAT's tests as part of this. Please can I ask that if you are a parent of a Year 6 child that you make sure they are in school on time each day. Also, don't forget, we are running a special SAT's Breakfast Club from Monday to Thursday next week which all Year 6 children are very welcome to attend.



Calling All Service Families: All schools can receive additional funding for pupils who have parents in the regular armed forces. Pupils attract the funding if either one of their parents is currently serving or has served in the last three years. It would be greatly appreciated if you could let the school office know if your child meets the criteria so that we can apply for the additional funding.

Bake and Buy Cake Sale Update: As you know, you helped raise the magnificent total of £372.60 through the recent cake sale. Over the Easter holidays, Miss Page went to Indonesia and visited the orphanage that has received our donation (featured opposite). They were absolutely delighted and told Miss Page that they plan to spend the money on a projector for a classroom as well as buying some additional stationary and books.



Term Dates: Please find attached to this newsletter information about our Term Dates and INSET Days for next school year, 2015-2016. As you can see, we have two INSET days at the beginning of Autumn Term and so the children need to return to school after the summer holiday on Thursday 3rd September.

Uniform: Just to remind everyone, the children are able to wear summer uniform from the beginning of next half term when we can be more sure (hopefully!) that the weather is warmer and summer-like.

Contact Details: We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers that if any of your contact details change please inform the school office as it is important that we hold up to date information at school in case of any emergencies. This is especially important for any telephone numbers.

Medical/Dental/Optician Appointments: Except in the case of an emergency, medical, dental or optician appointments should all be made out of school hours. If this is not possible then appointments should be made at the beginning or the end of the school day. Please be aware that a routine appointment during the school day does not mean your child needs to miss the whole school day. Except in exceptional circumstances, it will be expected that your child either returns to school following an appointment or comes in before the appointment. You are also required to provide the school office with a copy of the letter/appointment card. Thank you for your co-operation.

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School Playgrounds: It has recently been reported that adults are spitting on the school playgrounds or chewing gum is being spat out onto the floor. Can we respectfully request that this does not continue as it is a health hazard to the children.

Trim Trail Use Before School: Children are welcome to use the Trim Trails before school in the morning after the gates are open but it is entirely the responsibility of parents to supervise them playing prior to the school opening. Please keep an eye on your children to ensure they are playing safely and sensibly especially if older children are using the Lower School Trim Trail too.

School Dinners: You should have received your new school dinner menu on which there is now only 2 choices. Please contact the school office if you haven't got one.

Mr C Duncan
(Headteacher)

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS				
WEEK BEGINNING (Fri to Thurs)	ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School) 	%	ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School) 	%
20 th April	Marley	100%	Barley	98.6%
27 th April	Marley	99.7%	Barley	99.6%
Well done to the winning classes!				

HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE

Congratulations to those pupils who have received the Headteacher's Certificate. Week beginning: 20th April 2015 the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'CHALLENGE'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Reception	Millie Thornton & Aro Ahmed	Year 1	Maizy Huntley & Jake Anders
Year 2	Drood Saber & Grace Mfuka	Year 3	Sema Suleyman & Sophie Parry
Year 4	Ronnie Glasbey & Finley Bushnell	Year5/6	Amelia Green, Louise Zabarova & Joshua Singleton

Week beginning: 27th April 2015 the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'EFFORT'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Reception	Hannah-May Baynham & Panashe Meredith	Year 1	Tanvir Hussain & Lily-Rose Donkin
Year 2	Gethyn Wilcox & Mena Elhassan	Year 3	Lily-Anne Springgay & Blaise Shepherd
Year 4	Mitchell Street & Suli Hoxha	Year5/6	Sofie Siraj, Toby Isaac & Cheyenne Knight

Dates for your diary

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
Thursday 3 rd September	School re-opens

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