

Newsletter

15th April 2016



ARK Dickens
Primary Academy

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Summer Term at Ark Dickens. I do hope you managed to have a good Easter break and that you were able to enjoy some of the sunshine that was on offer. We have had a fabulous first week back at school and the children have been a complete delight to be around. They have come back looking smart, keen to learn and motivated to do well; just delightful. Thank you so much for your very welcome support in ensuring the children are smartly dressed; it really does make a huge difference.

I must just take this opportunity to say a big "Well Done" and "Thank you" to our Year 6 pupils and some of their teachers who chose not to have two weeks off but to attend **Easter School** instead. This was a huge success, so much so that it will be repeated. About 25 children from Year 6 attended **Easter School** on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week of the holiday and spent the morning in a mix of revision for SATs and sporting activities. Each day we ended the morning with a free lunch of BBQ, Pizza, Picnic and a special treat at the end! Once again I must thank Miss Griffiths for organising the teaching team to do this important event, but especially to parents for ensuring the children attended each day. As always your support is sincerely appreciated.



During this busy week at school, we have had a trip to Marwell for Year 2 and a trip to the Sealife Centre for Year 1. The children certainly came back from their Marwell Zoo trip very excited and some lovely work has been generated from that, which you will have the opportunity to enjoy later on.

And finally for this week I am delighted to let you know that we are planning to have a SUMMER FETE at Ark Dickens during June (date to be finalised). This will be a wonderful community event and details will certainly follow in the next few weeks. Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Miss J Waelend (Principal)

Safeguarding: As part of our responsibility to safeguard each child in the school we would like to draw parents' attention to the importance of monitoring your child if they use Facebook or other social media sites. If you have any worries or concerns please remember you can call in to school and speak to a member of our Pastoral Team.

School Ties: School ties are still available to buy from the school office at a reduced price of £3.00.

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Requests from parents: Recently we have had several parents requesting information or official documentation from school. We are happy to support and provide parents with information they need but it would be appreciated if you could give the school office up to 48 hours' notice to enable us to research and provide the relevant information requested.

Family Quiz Night: Thank you to the families who took part in our Family Quiz Night on Wednesday 23rd March. It was a lot of fun with a mixture of questions from our quiz master, Mr Hutchings. Prizes were awarded to:

Best Team Name: 'Chips and Beans'

Winners of the Quiz: 'The 3 Pickled Musketeers'

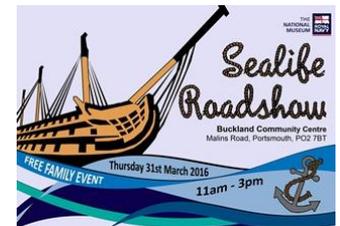
Runners Up of the Quiz: 'Fierce Fudgers'

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who helped to make this a successful evening.



Sports Relief: Thank you to everyone who supported our activities to raise money for Sports Relief last month. The cake sale was a huge success, as was the Penalty Shoot Out and 'Splat the Teacher.' We raised over £316 an excellent effort.

Sealife Roadshow: We hope you found the opportunity to visit the The Sealife Roadshow on the 31st March at the Buckland Community Centre. Children from Year 4 had provided work that they had completed in school to be displayed at the event. It looked amazing.



Summer Fete: Exciting news – we are planning a Summer Fete and would like to call on parents/carers/grandparents/family & friends to help us out. This will be our first Summer Fete as Ark Dickens Primary Academy and we are looking forward to an amazing event. Our focus is to raise funds to help with the costs of sending all the children to the pantomime at the Kings Theatre this year and possibly support a local charity. The idea of a summer fete was put forward at the last meeting of our 'Parents Voice' and we would now like to start planning for this event to happen in June. A separate letter will be sent home next week to start the ball rolling. Your help and ideas would be very much appreciated.

ParentingTip:

Be a good role model: Model the behaviours you wish to see in your children; respect, friendliness, honesty, kindness, tolerance and show unselfish behaviour. Do things for other people without expecting a reward. Show thanks and offer compliments. Above all, treat your children the way you expect other people to treat you.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 26 th April (2.00pm)	Parents Voice Meeting
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 9 th May	Reception Badger - visit Winchester
Tuesday 10 th May	Reception Barley – visit Winchester
Tuesday 24 th May (2.00pm)	Parents Voice Meeting
Friday 27 th May	School finishes for half term
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	Half Term
Monday 6 th June	INSET Day (School closed for staff training)
Tuesday 28 th June (2.00pm)	Parents Voice Meeting
Wednesday 20 th July	School finishes for Summer Break

Check out our school website for more information, stories and pictures: www.arkdickensprimary.org