

Newsletter

16th October 2015



ARK Dickens
Primary Academy

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very busy couple of weeks with lots of things going on in school ranging from Egyptian Workshops, Italian Afternoon, Steel Drums Workshop and much more. Please take time to have a look at our school website (www.arkdickensprimary.org) to see pictures and reports about all the activities that have taken place.

Thank you to all those parents who have returned their Parent View Questionnaires – it is great to hear your views. If you still have this at home please complete it and return to school as soon as you can as we are keen to hear from as many parents as possible. We are in the process of collating all the information and will feed this back to you in the near future.

Parents Evenings: We were delighted with the attendance at our Parents Evenings during the last couple of weeks. We hope you found this an informative experience and that it gave you a valuable insight into the progress that your child is making.

Superman Session: Thank you to all the 'super' people who came along to read with their children on Friday 9th October. What an amazing turnout! We publicised this as a 'Superman Session' encouraging dads, granddads, uncles and brothers to attend but were equally delighted to welcome lots of super mums along too. The children took great pride in welcoming you all to our school and I know each one of them really enjoyed being able to read with you.

Harvest Festival: Children accompanied by staff and parents walked to our local church on Wednesday 7th October to celebrate harvest festival. The children did exceptionally well with their readings despite not having any microphones or technology available. All the food donations were collected by Portsmouth Food Bank. Thank you for your kind generosity.

School Staff Car Park: The children took part in special assemblies last week focussing on road safety. Again this is an opportunity to remind all parents not to use the staff car park when dropping off or picking up children from the school. Please do not park across the staff car park entrance. Use the parking bays outside the school and the **pedestrian entrance** rather than crossing through the car park.

Reminder - Children's Flu Vaccine: In the autumn/winter of 2015/16 the annual nasal spray flu vaccine will be available for all **children in Yr1 and Yr2** as part of the NHS childhood vaccination programme. The flu vaccine for children is given as a single dose of nasal spray squirted up each nostril. Not only is it needle-free (a big advantage for children), the nasal spray works even better than the injected flu vaccine. It's quick and painless and will mean your child is less likely to become ill if they come into contact with the flu virus. Flu vaccinations will take place in school on **Wednesday 4th November**. Consent forms and information leaflets will be sent home on 19th October. Only children with completed consent forms will be given the vaccine. For more information visit: www.nhs.uk/child-flu.



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Parenting Tip! Small Things

Recognise the small, positive things your child does in the day such as putting on their own shoes. Notice those little things that often go unnoticed such as saying thank you, walking nicely along the pavement.

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HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE

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



Week beginning: 5th October certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our _____ value. The certificates were awarded to:

Reception		Year 1	
Year 2		Year 3	
Year 4		Year 5	
Year 6			

Week beginning: 12th October the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our _____ value. The certificates were awarded to:

Reception		Year 1	
Year 2		Year 3	
Year 4		Year 5	
Year 6			

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS

WEEK BEGINNING (Fri to Thurs)	ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School) 	%	ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School) 	%

Well done to the winning classes!

Dates for your diary

Mon 26th – Fri 30th October
 Monday 2nd November
 Tuesday 3rd November
 Tuesday 10th November
 Tuesday 20th November

HALF TERM
 INSET DAY
 INSET DAY
 Football Tournament at GOALS
 Speech & Language Workshop for YrR

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR LOTS MORE INFO, STORIES AND PICTURES: www.arkdickensprimary.org OR FOLLOW US ON TWITTER: @arkdickens