

Newsletter

17th June 2016



ARK Dickens
Primary Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Summer Fete tomorrow. I am so grateful to all the staff, parents and friends of the school who have worked so hard over the past few weeks to plan this very special event. It is my hope that year on year from now, our events will get better and better and your support, ideas and help with that will be very welcome indeed. We have planned the event so that whatever the weather, the Fete will go ahead and we very much look forward to seeing you there.

Plans for September: Plans are already being put in place for the start of the new term in September, including plans for decoration and refurbishment, plans for class moves, new teachers and working out where the new classes will go. I will be writing to you next Friday (24th June) to let you know your child's class teacher for September, the name of the class and the classroom they will be moving into. This year, we are giving the children a really good opportunity to meet and spend time with their new class teachers. We call this "Transition" (moving from one year to the next). This year we are planning to do this from **Monday 11th July to Friday 15th July**. During these days, the children will spend time with their new teachers, in their new classrooms. The Year 6 pupils will support this by being "Upper Sixth – Co Teachers." We will write to the Year 6 parents about this separately. We will send you details about the arrangements for Monday 11th July, a little nearer the time, so that you will know where your child's class will be and where to collect them from etc.

In order to plan properly for this very important event, **school will be closed, after lunch from 1.30pm on Friday 8th July and we would ask that you make arrangements for your child to be collected promptly at that time.** This is the same day as most End of Year Reports are due to come home to you. These will come home at 1.30pm with the children, please check their school bag.

I do trust you understand the reasons for these arrangements. If you do have any concerns then please do contact us in the usual way.

Miss J Waelend
Principal

SUMMER FETE ARRANGEMENTS

Volunteers: If you have volunteered to help out at the Summer Fete tomorrow, you can arrive at school any time from 11.00am onwards. Please come through the grey metal gate near the school main office and walk round onto the playground.

Times: The side gate pupil entrance near lower school will open at 2.00pm for the start of our summer fete. The fete will finish at 4.30pm.

Weather: We are hoping for a dry day tomorrow but if it is wet alternative arrangements will be made to have the Summer Fete indoors using the two school halls.

BRING YOUR CHANGE.....can we please ask you to bring change to spend on the stalls and activities...5p's, 10p's, 20p's 50p's £1 coins (no large notes please).

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Raffle Tickets: For those parents who have asked for raffle tickets during the last couple of days these will be handed out to the children today – please check their bags. Raffle tickets will also be on sale tomorrow at the fete.



Finally, we are looking forward to a great Summer Fete tomorrow. Thank you so much for all your kind donations that have come in to school this week. The response has been amazing.

Parent Questionnaire: Last week we sent home questionnaires for parents to complete and return to the school. So far, we have only had a few forms returned. Can you please complete and return these forms to school by the end of next week (Friday 24th June). You are an important part of our school community and we would like to know what you think about our school.

Nasal Flu Vaccination: This year the nasal flu vaccination will be taking place in school on the 19th October for Year 1, 2 and 3 children. Separate letters will be sent home to parents in September and look out for posters in school then to give you more information.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CLASSES TWIST & PEGGOTTY

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS				
WEEK ENDING (Mon to Fri)	ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School) 	%	ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School) 	%
11 th June	Bumble	96.9%	Badger	94.4%
Well done to the winning classes!				

Dates for your diary

Saturday 18th June
 Tuesday 28th June (2.00pm)
 Wednesday 6th July
 Friday 8th July
 Wednesday 20th July

Summer Fete
 Parents Voice Meeting
 Whole School Sports Day (more details to follow)
 School finishes early at 1.30pm
 Year 1 – Year 6 Reports distributed today
 School finishes for Summer Break