

# Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> December 2015



ARK Dickens  
Primary Academy

Dear Parents/Carers

As you know, this is my last term so I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support that you have shown the school over the last few years. Seeing the Christmas performances this week has given me yet another reminder of how fantastic the children of ARK Dickens are and I wish them, and yourselves, all the very best for the future.

Many of you will also know that we have other members of staff moving onto ventures new and I'm sure you will join me in wishing a fond farewell and an enormous thank you to Mrs Layton, Mrs Lenaghan and Mrs Osgood. Finally, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Christmas Closure:** Don't forget to we have two Inset Days at the start of next term, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. All the children start the new term on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**School Uniform:** Can we please take this opportunity to remind you how important it is that your child arrives to school in their full uniform every day. Details of the uniform can be found in the Parents Handbook which was distributed to everyone previously. If you have any queries regarding school uniform please contact the school office.

**School Admissions:** Don't forget applications for a place for your child starting school in 2016 must be made through Portsmouth City Council's website by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016**. You can find full details of how to apply on the council's primary admissions pages on its website: <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/learning-and-schools/schools/school-admissions.aspx>.

If you have any questions about the application process or need any help at all, please do not hesitate to give us a call on **02392 826514** or email via: [info@arkdickensprimary.org](mailto:info@arkdickensprimary.org)

**Christmas Performances:** We have had a wonderful week of school performances with KS2 taking part in Christmas Around the World and KS1 performing the Christmas Nativity. We have been delighted with the support of parents and families attending the performances which has made it even more exciting for the children. Thank you to all the staff and children who have worked so hard to put on these great shows.

**BBC Radio Solent:** Schools in Portsmouth have been contacted by BBC Radio Solent this week who were looking for children to help them make a filmed clip for a video advent calendar that they will be uploading to their Facebook site. Dominic Blake from the BBC came in and filmed a 20 second clip from our Nativity play. Well done to the following children who read their lines beautifully and looked splendid in their costumes: Narrator: Deborah; Angel: Davina; Shepherds: Freya, Alex and Michelle. Dominic has emailed as follows: "Thanks so much for having me today, I really enjoyed the visit to the school and the children were absolutely super.



The video will be posted on the BBC Radio Solent Facebook page on Monday morning. Please do encourage parents to 'like' and 'share' the video. Here's the website: <https://www.facebook.com/BBCRadioSolent>

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**Text Santa – Christmas Jumper Day:** The children and staff enjoyed wearing their Christmas jumpers on Wednesday especially as it was also Christmas dinner day. We are delighted to report we have raised £160.86 for the three charities. Well done everyone and special thank you to the kitchen staff for their hard work in providing a lovely meal for us all to enjoy.



**Parents Voice:** Parents met again this week for our regular 'Parents Voice' session. Please check out our school website for the full report ([www.arkdickensprimary.org](http://www.arkdickensprimary.org))

**Lead Learners:** Congratulations to all our Lead Learners for this term. We hope you will display your special certificates with pride. Keep up the excellent work.

Childs Name	Class	Date
Freya Cordara	Badger	Oct-15
Robbie Wakefield	Badger	Oct-15
Tegan Latimer	Barley	Oct-15
Oscar Leach	Barley	Oct-15
Evie Goad	Twist	Oct-15
Joshua Piggott	Twist	Oct-15
Meadow Ball	Micawber	Oct-15
Krystain Mastalarek	Micawber	Oct-15
Lewis Uniacke	Pickwick	Oct-15
Tianna Dunn	Pickwick	Oct-15
Sonnie Savage	Nickleby	Oct-15
Alfie Ball	Nickleby	Oct-15
Layla Devlin	Weller	Oct-15
Charlie Beech	Weller	Oct-15
Reece Chase	Fezziwig	Oct-15
Bethany Rowe	Fezziwig	Oct-15
Maggie Tong	Copperfield	Oct-15
Sahid Abdul	Copperfield	Oct-15
Sema Suleyman	Bumble	Oct-15
Kian Thornton	Bumble	Oct-15
Taban Pero	Peggotty	Oct-15
Oscar Fragata	Peggotty	Oct-15
Hayden Hannam	Marley	Oct-15
Jenny Hogg	Marley	Oct-15
Toby Isaac	Jaggers	Oct-15
Faye Dalton	Jaggers	Oct-15
Sharmina Khan	Scrooge	Oct-15
Charlie Large	Scrooge	Oct-15

Childs Name	Class	Date
Charlie Donkin	Badger	Dec-15
Ebenezer Ibharokhorne	Badger	Dec-15
Sameha Begum	Barley	Dec-15
Coen Gregory	Barley	Dec-15
Jessica Li	Twist	Dec-15
Konrad Janusz	Twist	Dec-15
Naowaz Miah	Micawber	Dec-15
Zarnish Baloch	Micawber	Dec-15
Mehraj Hoque	Pickwick	Dec-15
Tia-Marie Latimer	Pickwick	Dec-15
Yasar Sakhi	Nickleby	Dec-15
Iva Gabrovska	Nickleby	Dec-15
Ethan Svatik-Evans	Weller	Dec-15
Vanessa Neuts	Weller	Dec-15
Daisy-Marie Moore	Fezziwig	Dec-15
Finnlay Chivers	Fezziwig	Dec-15
Michael Hallman	Copperfield	Dec-15
Lily-Anne Springgay	Copperfield	Dec-15
Alesha Sweetman	Bumble	Dec-15
Sahil Rahman	Bumble	Dec-15
Phoebe Street	Peggotty	Dec-15
Mitchell Street	Peggotty	Dec-15
Awet Angosom	Marley	Dec-15
Jessica Harvey	Marley	Dec-15
Jessica Ralph	Jaggers	Dec-15
Tyrin Palmer	Jaggers	Dec-15
Fahmida Ali	Scrooge	Dec-15
Harry Drain	Scrooge	Dec-15

# HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE

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

Week beginning: 30<sup>th</sup> November the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'RESPECT'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Nursery	Lily Rose	Reception	Tegan-Louise Latimer & Jayden Tyrrell-Wood
Year 1	Jessica Li & Chloe Smart	Year 2	Pickwick Class & Nickleby Class
Year 3	Yousif Salih & Lenny Viggor	Year 4	Adey Carnall & Lewis Davies
Year 5	Adetola Adeniran & Billy Brown	Year 6	Kieran Leeming & Charlie Large



Week beginning: 7<sup>th</sup> December the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'CHALLENGE'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Nursery	Aanisah Begum	Reception	Zheen Fikri & Archie Rose
Year 1	Dottie Sharpe & Twist Class	Year 2	Adam Karim & Hope Gardiner
Year 3	Tamanna Miah & Annie-May Burton	Year 4	Sally Conteh & Alex Luczak
Year 5	Hayden Hannam & Beau Edney	Year 6	Nazifah Ahmed & Macey-Leigh Blackman

Week beginning: 14<sup>th</sup> December the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'EFFORT'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Reception	Davina Adjei & Charlie Donkin	Year 1	Mozn Elhassan & Olivia Hart
Year 2	Andrew Fragata & Archie Byrne	Year 3	Khadija Begum & Weller Class
Year 4	Paul Hill & Tawhid Khan	Year 5	Finley Bushnell & Daisy Arnold
Year 6	Che Shepherd & Caitlin Tankard		

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS

WEEK BEGINNING (Fri to Thurs)	ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School)	%	ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School)	%
				
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Peggotty	98%	Barley	96%
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Weller	99.4%	Badger	98.8%
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Copperfield	100%	Micawber	99.3%

**Well done to the winning classes!**

### Dates for your diary

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY – school not open to the children
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY – school not open to the children
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens at 8.50am for Spring Term
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	YR6 visit Portsmouth Guildhall
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Children break up for half term
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY – school not open to the children
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY – school not open to the children
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	School re-opens for at 8.50am for 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of Spring Term