

# Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> September 2015



**ARK Dickens**  
Primary Academy

**Dear Parents/Carers**

Thank you to all those parents who have attended a Parent Welcome Meeting this week. We hope you found the meetings informative and we are all looking forward to the exciting things we have planned during this academic year.

## School Uniform:

Can we remind you once again of the importance of all children wearing the correct school uniform every day to school. The children look really smart and ready to learn. Please make sure all items of clothing are named, especially school ties, as it makes it easier for us to return lost items. School shoes must be worn at all times, except in specified classes. No trainers are allowed. Please see the attached details of acceptable footwear and have a look on our school website for more information including our School Uniform Policy.



We were delighted that a visitor to our school this week commented on how lovely the school looks, it has a calm and friendly feel, the children looked smart and were very courteous. Well done to everyone. Our expectations are high and it is really nice to get this feedback.

**Parents Voice:** It was the first meeting of our parents' forum this week and the group decided on a new name, Parents Voice. Every parent of the school is invited to attend 'Parents Voice' meetings which are usually held once a month in school. Our Deputy Headteacher starts the meeting by looking at any actions that arose from the previous meeting and then asks parents if they have any specific issues they wish to discuss. For the future we are looking at organising fundraising events, training workshops for parents and arranging guest speakers from outside agencies to come and talk to parents about topics and themes relating to school life and the school community as a whole. Please read information on the noticeboard in the school grounds to keep up to date with events going on in school. You can also check out our school website for more information. The next Parents Voice meeting is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm

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**Furry visitors:** We have noticed recently that several cats are hanging around at the front entrance to the school. Please do not feed or encourage the cats because we do not want the children to become distracted by them. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Library Books:** We are still missing lots of library books that went home last year and have not been returned. Please check at home whether you have any school library books and return these to us immediately. The books have our school stamp on the inside cover. These are a valuable resource and we want all the children to have the benefit of being able to take books home to continue their reading.

**Dinner Money:** School dinner money should be paid weekly, in advance, on Monday mornings. The cost of a school meal is £2 per day. It is important that you pay for your child's meal before they actually have the meal because we do not want families to run up debts for food. If you think your child is entitled to a free school meal please enquire at the school office for the relevant form to complete.



**Mr C Duncan  
(Headteacher)**

## HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE

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

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



Reception	Tia Fraser & Charlie Donkin	Year 1	Krystian Mastalarek & Sofia Cordara
Year 2	Max Twine & Lily-Rose Donkin	Year 3	Layla Devlin & Tommy Large
Year 4	Lincoln Ward & Blaise Shepherd	Year 5	Mitchell Street & Finley Bushnell
Year 6	Shahidul Miah & Archie Burton		

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

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

Reception	Reegan Garrett & Oskar Harbuz	Year 1	Lily-mae Field & Levi Bracegirdle
Year 2	Jake Anders & Sonnie Savage	Year 3	Aldina Gashi & Grace Mfuka
Year 4	Kelsey Clark & Lily-Anne Springgay	Year 5	Jessica Harvey & Poppy Drain
Year 6	Frankie Large & Opal Andrews		

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS

WEEK BEGINNING (Fri to Thurs)	ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School) 	%	ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School) 	%
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Weller	98.6%	Badger	97.5%
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Bumble & Peggotty	98%	Nursery & Micawber	98.9% & 98.3%

**Well done to the winning classes!**

**Dates for your diary**

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Rugby Celebration Lunch
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October (2.00pm)	Parent Voice Meeting
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October (1.30pm)	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October (3.15-6.00pm)	Yr1 – Yr6 Parents Evening
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October (3.15-6.00pm)	Yr1 – Yr6 Parents Evening
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October (2.30pm)	Superman Day (more details to follow)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October (3.15-6.00pm)	Foundation Stage Parents Evening
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October (3.15-6.00pm)	Foundation Stage Parents Evening
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October (9-10am)	Year R Parent Workshop (Phonics)
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	INSET DAY