

# Newsletter

27<sup>th</sup> November 2015



**ARK Dickens**  
Primary Academy

**Dear Parents/Carers**

I am delighted to announce that a new member of staff has joined us in the role of Deputy Headteacher to cover Miss Florence whilst she is on maternity leave. I am sure you would all like to join with me in welcoming Miss Cox to Ark Dickens Primary Academy.

As usual we've had a very busy couple of weeks with lots of opportunities for parents to come in to school and take part in activities/workshops. Thank you to all those parents who have been able to join us and please look out for details of other things happening between now and the end of this term. Please take a moment to log on to our school website which is updated constantly with news, pictures and information about Ark Dickens Primary Academy. ([www.arkdickensprimary.org](http://www.arkdickensprimary.org))

**School Admissions:** Are you interested in applying for a place for your child at Ark Dickens Primary Academy or do you have friends with young children who will be starting school in 2016?



We are about a month through the primary applications window, with less than two to go. Applications must be made through Portsmouth City Council's website by **Friday 15th 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)



If you or your friends haven't made up your minds about which school you wish your children to join, please come and visit our Nursery and Reception classes, chat to staff and see how we put our motto - "learning together, achieving forever" - into practice. Just call the school office on **02392 826514** and our friendly, helpful staff will make all the necessary arrangements for your visit.

**Wonder Woman Session:** Our Wonder Woman reading session was extremely well attended with mums, nans, aunties, sisters and even some dads coming in to read with their children. It was lovely to see children sitting with adults reading confidently and enjoying the moment. Thank you to all those who supported this event.

**Children In Need:** This year we held a non-school uniform day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Children were asked to bring in a donation of 50p if they wanted to take part and wear their normal clothes for the day. I am delighted to report we raised £246.22 which has been donated to Children In Need. Thank you for a brilliant effort.

**Parents Voice:** A coffee afternoon was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November to encourage more parents to take part in our Parents Voice meetings. Our usual members chatted to parents about why it is important for parents to have a voice through an organised forum, what they gained through coming to meetings, what they do and what they have achieved so far. All parents are welcome to attend any of the Parents Voice meetings, the next one has been organised for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm. Please come along, have a cup of tea, a biscuit and join in the discussions. We really do value your opinions.

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**Football Tournaments:** Please check out our school website for match reports from recent football tournaments. Our team played really well throughout despite some tough opposition. Every one of our children lived up to the schools values by showing great resilience during the matches, giving 100% effort, challenging themselves against strong teams and above all showing respect to others. A very big thank you to all those involved and well done to the children – we are proud of you.



**Mr C Duncan**  
Headteacher



**Parenting Tip! Role Model**

Children learn by imitating. Most often, they will follow your lead in how they deal with anger, solve problems and work through difficult feelings. Talk to your children – don't lecture, criticise, threaten or say hurtful things.

## HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE

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

Week beginning: 9<sup>th</sup> November the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'RESPECT'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Reception	Alex Park & Issabella Wilcox	Year 1	Marcie-May Stanley & Belkess Madi
Year 2	Riley West & Bradley Dixon	Year 3	Eulie Ummon & Miami Brindley
Year 4	Connor Jewell & Samir Miah	Year 5	Oliver Wyatt & Jamar Johnson
Year 6	Alan Dytfeld & Tamjid Hussain		



Week beginning: 16<sup>th</sup> November the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'CHALLENGE'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Nursery	Abraham Ibharaohonre	Reception	Robbie Wakefield & FilipKawecki
Year 1	Zarnish Baloch & Shannon Manhire	Year 2	Georgie Shipp & Martina Ndasowa
Year 3	Lexie Pearce & Harry Huntley	Year 4	Jamie Payne & Michael Hallmann
Year 5	Nana Biney & Charlie Stuart	Year 6	Jack Moore & Michael Marsh

Week beginning: 23<sup>rd</sup> November the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'EFFORT'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Nursery	Dios Zammit	Reception	Vinnie Brewerton & Ebenezer Ibharaohonre
Year 1	Adrian Ozigowicz & Seit Angosom	Year 2	Charlie Powell & Jayden Hilliar
Year 3	Sarah Smith & Andzelika Graikste	Year 4	Taylor Colwell & Jamal Osman
Year 5	Hannah Keeling & Rahi Taslima	Year 6	Emily Fudger & Libby Mears

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS

WEEK BEGINNING (Fri to Thurs)	ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School)	%	ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School)	%
				
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Scrooge	98.7%	Badger	99.3%
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Micawber	97.1%	Jagger	100%
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Micawber	98.2%	Scrooge	99.6%

**Well done to the winning classes!**

**Dates for your diary**

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Phonics Workshop
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	'West End in Schools' perform Aladdin (YrR – Yr6)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle at All Saints Church
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Lead Learners Assemblies
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December (2pm)	Parents Voice meeting
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner plus Christmas Jumper Day (whole school)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December (AM)	KS2 Carol Concert
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December (PM)	KS1 Nativity Production
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (AM)	KS1 Nativity Production
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (PM)	KS2 Carol Concert
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December (AM)	KS1 Nativity Production
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term