

Newsletter

29th January 2016



ARK Dickens
Primary Academy

Dear Parents and Carers

Despite a fairly wild week of weather we have had a great week at Ark Dickens, where daily the children are beginning to understand the real importance of our values and the choices these will give them in their future lives. We have talked a great deal this week about the importance of caring for and looking after our world, because if we don't then who will? The children have responded well to this and throughout the week we have seen improvements in the children's behaviour, their readiness to learn and their growing determination to succeed. It has been an absolute delight to be team leader this week. Thank you so much too for your continued support with everything we are trying to achieve for the children.

We have listened to the concerns raised by a parent at our recent 'Parents Voice' meeting regarding the fact that sometimes letters and information do not get home. Therefore from next week, for parental convenience, we will only be sending letters, newsletters and information home with the children on a Friday. **It is important that you check with your child every Friday to see if they have any letters to give you from school.**



JRWaelend

Miss J Waelend (Interim Headteacher)



Maths Challenge: On Thursday this week we were invited to take a team of Yr4 children to the Mary Rose to take part in the Feed the Fleet Maths Challenge. It was an excellent day and the children loved every second. The teams had to pretend to have roles on the Mary Rose. Our team were given a small budget and had to ensure they bought enough food to feed all of the men of the ship. They had to work out how much they could afford to buy of each item available at the shop, buy it, then fit everything into the 'hold' of the ship while making sure everything was still easily accessible. Later in the day they also had the opportunity to look around some parts of the museum. The children were a credit to Ark Dickens. Well done!

Next Training Days: Here is a reminder to parents that we have another two Inset Days booked for the 11th and 12th February, prior to the school closing for February half term. Please remember the school will not be open to the children on these two training days.

Parents Voice: Thank you to the parents who attended the 'Parents Voice' meeting this week. A copy of the notes from the meeting is being distributed to all parents today. Please take the time to read this and come along to our next meeting on the 23rd February at 2pm to have a chat over a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Dance/Fitness Group: The fun/dance activity session usually held in the Sure Start Centre on a Thursday afternoon will move to a morning slot at 8.45 – 10.00am with effect from the 4th February. It is an 'adults only' session. Parents can go along after they have dropped their children off at school, have a coffee and a chat before joining in with a really fun, low key activity session. Why not give it a try!

Channel 4 Parenting Programme: We have received an email from the Liberty Bell production company who are producing a third series of Channel 4's *The Three Day Nanny*. They are looking for parents to apply to take part in the programme. *The Three Day Nanny* is a six-part series offering expert help to parents throughout

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the UK. It is fronted by childcare expert Kathryn Mewes who offers to help families struggling with common parenting challenges. If anyone would like to know more about the show then please call 02075987267 or email nanny@libertybell.tv Here is the link to the Channel 4 website where you can view previous episodes of *TheThree Day Nanny* <http://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-three-day-nanny>



Parenting Tip! Boosting your child's self-esteem.
Choose your words carefully and be compassionate. Let your children know that everyone makes mistakes and that you will love them, even when you don't love their behaviour.

A message from our Pastoral Team:

Believe you can and you're halfway there.....
Theodore Roosevelt

Every minute is a fresh beginning.....
T.S.Elliott

HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE



Week beginning: 18th January the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'CHALLENGE'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Nursery	Robbie Eddy	Reception	Tegan-Marie Latimer Isabella Wilcox
Year 1	Joshua Pigott, Jessica Li, Junayd Dunn & Yafiet Brhane	Year 2	Deborah Fregene, Max Twine, Jayden Hilliar & Martina Ndasowa
Year 3	Annie-Mae Burton, Eulie Ummon, Charlie Harrison & Harry Huntley	Year 4	Blaise Shepherd, Chloe Hilton, Connor Whiting & Oliwier Ozgowicz
Year 5	Willow Nash, Oscar Fragata, Hugh Clark & Tommy Becque	Year 6	Taylor Harris, Katy Tash, Libby Mears & Amelia Green

Week beginning: 25th January the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'EFFORT'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Nursery	Simra Choudhury	Reception	Peggy Tong, Emily Hollinshead, Caleb Libby & Oscar Deadman
Year 1	Lisa Lobete Sauto, Zarnish Baloch, Mia Brinkley & Maddie Willis	Year 2	Freddy Bartholomew, Charlie Powell, Jo Anakpo-King & Gracie Angus
Year 3	Tea-Bless Bakouetila, Yousif Salih, Finnlay Chivers & Courtney Ferre-Muir	Year 4	Samantha Spinggay, Blaise Shepherd, Taylor Colwell & Ella Angus
Year 5	Hannah Keeling, Mahi Islam, Ronnie Glasbey & Daisy Arnold	Year 6	Caleb Zammit, Sofie Siraj, Fahmida Ali & Jazmin Jewell

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS

WEEK ENDING (Mon to Fri)	ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School) 	%	ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School) 	%
15 th January	Bumble & Peggotty	97.3%	Twist	96%
Well done to the winning classes!				

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 10 th February	Children break up for half term
Thursday 11 th February	INSET DAY – school not open to the children
Friday 12 th February	INSET DAY – school not open to the children
Monday 22 nd February	School re-opens for 2 nd half of Spring Term
Tuesday 23 rd February	Parents Voice meeting at 2.00pm