

Newsletter



ARK Dickens
Primary Academy

5th October 2015

Dear Parents/Carers



Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and biscuits for our coffee morning on Tuesday 29th September to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. We were overwhelmed by everyone's generous donations and were also able to offer cakes and biscuits for sale on Tuesday and Wednesday after school. Thank you also to the staff and parent volunteers who helped to organise this event. We are delighted to announce the grand total raised is £260.46. A very BIG thank you!

School Prefects: We are delighted to let you know that 20 of our Year 6 children have volunteered to be prefects this year. They have received their initial training and are already carrying out duties to help the school run smoothly. They have all been issued with Prefect Badges and are wearing these with pride. They really are excellent role models for the other children in the school.

Fire Service Visit: The Hampshire Fire & Rescue Education Vehicle visited our school last week. Here are some of the quotes from the children who visited the vehicle:

"The fire service taught us how to prevent fires by reducing hazards around school and home."

"Our favourite activity was visiting the fire truck, which had fire hazards we needed to spot. We had to look closely for things such as: a knife in a toaster, a plug in the sink and a glove on the electric cooker."

"Top tip: Make sure your smoke alarm works. Remember to replace the battery once a year and clean it twice a year."



Road Safety Week: Next week in school we are focussing on road safety. The children will have special assemblies covering this important topic. Obviously this is an ideal opportunity to remind parents about parking safely outside the school and using the pedestrian entrance rather than the car park entrance.

Harvest Festival: Don't forget to bring in donations for our Harvest Festival Celebration on Wednesday 7th October.

Parents Voice: Our next 'Parents Voice' meeting is on Tuesday 6th October at 2.00pm in school. Please come along and join in the discussions about school life. Tea and biscuits will also be provided.

Children's Flu Vaccine: In the autumn/winter of 2015/16 the annual nasal spray flu vaccine will be available for all **children school years one and two** as part of the NHS childhood vaccination programme. The flu vaccine for children is given as a single dose of nasal spray squirted up each nostril. Not only is it needle-free (a big advantage for children), the nasal spray works even better than the injected flu vaccine. It's quick and painless and will mean your child is less likely to become ill if they come into contact with the flu virus. Flu vaccinations will take place in school on **Wednesday 4th November**. Consent forms and information leaflets will be sent home on 19th October. Only children with completed consent forms will be given the vaccine. For more information visit: www.nhs.uk/child-flu.

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Professional Services in School: We currently have Ms S Carroll working with us offering an individual service for the school, supporting children, families and staff to ensure that they have access to a professional and approachable mental health service within school. Ms Carroll will be available in school on Tuesday afternoons. If you would like to see her in a confidential setting to discuss any concerns please contact her via email: suecarroll@nhs.net or leave a message on her answerphone: 07748 986631 or 02392 684700. Sue also has lots of top tips for parenting...here's one

C.M.D.



Catch Children Being Good

Make a point of finding something to praise every day. Be generous with your rewards - your love, hugs and compliments can work wonders and are often reward enough. Soon you will find you are encouraging more of the behaviour you would like to see.

**Mr C Duncan
(Headteacher)**

HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE

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



Week beginning: 21st September certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **RESILIENCE** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Reception	Emily Hollinshead & Caleb Libby	Year 1	Alfie Stanley & Naowaz Miah
Year 2	Marwa Al-Balushi & Dylan Mitchell	Year 3	Kyle Watson & Hamzah Ahmed
Year 4	George Finlay & Holly-Leigh Pattle	Year 5	Cleo Mundy & Lewis Farminer
Year 6	Molly Becque & Billy Wooloff		

Week beginning: 28th September the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **RESPECT** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Reception	Ruby-Mae Smith & Amelia Hardy	Year 1	Olivia Hart & Madina Siddiq
Year 2	Jayden Hilliar & Tia-Marie Latimer	Year 3	Ralph Byrne & Jaheim Johnson
Year 4	Tiegan Wooloff & Tanisha Rahman	Year 5	Jenny Hogg & Trent Groizard
Year 6	Nazifah Ahmed & Kirstie Silver		

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS

WEEK BEGINNING (Fri to Thurs)	ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School) 	%	ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School) 	%
18 th Sept 2015	PEGGOTTY	95.9%	NICKLEBY	95%
25 th Sept 2015	BUMBLE	98.7%	PICKWICK	96.7%

Well done to the winning classes!

Dates for your diary

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| Tuesday 6 th October (2.00pm) | Parents Voice Meeting |
| Wednesday 7 th October (1.30pm) | Harvest Festival |
| Wednesday 7 th October (3.15-6.00pm) | Yr1 – Yr6 Parents Evening |
| Thursday 8 th October (3.15-6.00pm) | Yr1 – Yr6 Parents Evening |
| Friday 9 th October (3.15 – 6.00pm) | Yr2 Parents Evening |
| Friday 9 th October (2.30pm) | Superman Day |
| Wednesday 14 th October (3.15-6.00pm) | Foundation Stage Parents Evening |
| Thursday 15 th October (3.15-6.00pm) | Foundation Stage Parents Evening |
| Friday 16 th October (9-10am) | Year R Parent Workshop (Phonics) |
| Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th October | HALF TERM |
| Monday 2 nd November | INSET DAY |
| Tuesday 3 rd November | INSET DAY |

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