

# Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> May 2016



ARK Dickens  
Primary Academy

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much to the parents and members of staff who met for the first time yesterday about the Summer Fete we are planning on 18<sup>th</sup> June. I am sorry I was unable to join you for the meeting but will certainly be there on the day. This is a very exciting opportunity for us all to meet together and have a really good Community Event and to raise some money for the school at the same time. Some of the money we hope to raise will go towards the costs for children to attend the pantomime this year at the King Theatre but I would be delighted to hear from parents to take on board your views about how we spend any money left over. There is so much to do and your views will be greatly valued.

Thank you too for all parents and friends of the school who have so far expressed their views on the re-branding options from Ark. The Charles Dickens logo is so far the favoured logo, with many parents expressing the view that to lose the image of Charles Dickens himself would be a mistake. We will keep you up to speed with the outcome, before half term.

Also just to make you aware that we are looking into the possibility of reducing the cost of the uniform, particularly the jumpers. We will keep you informed how those discussions go and do all we can to reduce the cost for you.

Thank you for your continued efforts with uniform; it makes a huge difference to the 'team' feel of the school so please do continue! Can I also remind you of the importance of having your child's name in all their school uniform garments so that, if anything gets lost or mislaid, we are able to return it to its rightful owner quickly.

With best wishes

**Miss J Waelend**  
Principal

**Book Bags:** Each child in school has their own book bag and the expectation is that they bring this in to school each day with them. We encourage the children to read at home every day and to change their books regularly. Please remind your child to bring their book bag with them to school.

**Summer Fete:** We are holding our Summer Fete on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June (time to be confirmed). Please put this date on your calendars and come along and join us for a fun filled afternoon. Volunteers are working hard to co-ordinate this event and have so far enlisted the help of a dance troupe and a choir who will perform for us. A local estate agent is sponsoring our event and banners will be going up shortly to invite and encourage people to come along. Look out for information on our website and letters coming home about donations needed for different stalls.

Parenting Tip - Be a good role model:

Model the behaviours you wish to see in your children: respect, friendliness, honesty, kindness, tolerance, show unselfish behaviour. Do things for other people without expecting a reward. Show thanks and offer compliments. Above all, treat your children the way you expect other people to treat you.



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# Headteacher Awards

Week beginning: 2<sup>nd</sup> May Congratulations to the following pupils who received a Headteacher's Award.

Nursery	Gracie Marsh	Reception	Eshan Ahmed, Ebenezer Ibharkhonre, Amelia Tourino & Vinnie Brewerton
Year 1	Krystian Mastalarek, Mozn Elhassan, Mia Brinkley & Evie Goad	Year 2	Wahaj Al-Ansari, Samuel Tankard, Shannon Edwards & Robbie Rose
Year 3	Jacob Fudger, Harry Huntley, Anastasia Berendrecht & Kyra-Rose Upchurch	Year 4	Shah Ali, Alaina Barnard, Tawhid Khan & Jimmy Marsh
Year 5	Charlie Stuart, Rahi Taslima, Shumaiya Chowdhury, Sami Mohammed	Year 6	Suleen Pero, Paris Brewerton, Frankie Large & Tamjid Hussain

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS

WEEK ENDING (Mon to Fri)	ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School) 	%	ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School) 	%
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Peggotty	98.1%	Pickwick	99.5%
<b>Well done to the winning classes!</b>				

### Dates for your diary

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Badger - visit Winchester
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Barley – visit Winchester
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May (2.00pm)	Parents Voice Meeting
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	School finishes for half term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day (School closed for staff training)
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fete
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June (2.00pm)	Parents Voice Meeting
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Sports Day (more details to follow)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 – Year 6 Reports distributed today
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	School finishes for Summer Break