

Newsletter

8th February 2016



ARK Dickens
Primary Academy

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly please accept our apologies for the absence of a newsletter on Friday. We always do all we can to keep to the dates of letters etc but due to staff absence we were unable to get the letter to you on Friday.

So today sees the final week of this half term. I have to really commend the children on their hard work during these past few weeks. I have felt very proud of the children as I have walked around the school; the quality of their work, their behaviour and their support for each other has been very good indeed.

Last week saw our latest formal Monitoring Visit by Ark, which was very successful indeed. The inspection team identified some key improvements in the school, most particularly in the attitudes of the children and their desire to learn and make progress.

Staff Changes: I am delighted to now be able to inform you that Ms Kirsty Williams will be taking her leave from us at the end of this half term, as she begins a period of adoption leave. Her class will be taken by Miss Lucy Page, a long standing member of staff who has been taking the children a great deal over the past few weeks. We are sure that this change for the children will be as easy as possible and we wish Ms Williams every success as a new phase of life begins for her.

Half Term: Just a reminder to parents and carers that school closes to the children at the end of Wednesday 10th February as we have two teacher training days (Inset Days) prior to our half term closure. School opens again for the second half of term on Monday 22nd February at 8.40am.

Miss J Waelend (Interim Headteacher)

Parents Voice: Just a reminder that the next 'Parents Voice' meeting is going to be held in school on Tuesday 23rd February at 2.00pm. Please come along if you can to join us for a cup of tea and a chat.



Parenting Tip! Set limits and be consistent with your discipline.

You might want to have a system in place; one warning, followed by consequences such as 'time out' or loss of privileges. A common mistake parents make is that they do not follow through with the consequences. You cannot discipline children for talking back or swearing one day and ignore it the next; being consistent teaches what you expect.

A message from our Pastoral Team:

It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.....

Confucius

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HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE

Week beginning: 1st February the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our '?????' value. The certificates were awarded to:

Nursery	Jonas Li	Reception	Amelia Tourino, Jayden Tyrell-Wood, Dylan Hughes, Isabella Wilcox
Year 1	Layla Kadir-Mozn Elhassan-	Year 2	Bradley Dixon, Elijah Edney, Zayden Ward, Archie Byrne, Naima Ahmed, Sofia, Seit
Year 3	Brandon Britland, Archie Goad, Charlie Harrison, Naima Ahmed	Year 4	John, Michael, Freddie Shipp, Sema Suleyman
Year 5	Nana Biney, Jenny Hogg, Aleesha, Adetola	Year 6	Mehnaz Rahman, Tyrin Palmer, Marc Deadman, Kirstie Silver

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS

WEEK ENDING (Mon to Fri)	ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School) 	%	ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School) 	%
22 nd January				
29 th January				

Well done to the winning classes!

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 10th February
 Thursday 11th February
 Friday 12th February
 Monday 22nd February
 Tuesday 23rd February

Children break up for half term
 INSET DAY – school not open to the children
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 School re-opens for 2nd half of Spring Term
 Parents Voice meeting at 2.00pm

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