

# Newsletter



**ARK Dickens**  
Primary Academy

24<sup>th</sup> October 2014

## Dear Parents

School finishes today for our half term break. Don't forget, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November is a teacher training day and therefore school will re-open to the children on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. It has been a busy time this half term and the weeks have flown by. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to building on our excellent start as an ARK Academy when we return.

**Tuck Shop:** Many parents will know that currently in the Lower School all children are offered free fruit at breaktimes for their snack. We have decided to roll this out across the school and offer free fruit to all children at breaktimes when we return after half term. Therefore the provision of a Tuck Shop at morning break will stop as of today. After half term please do not send any money in with your child for a snack at breaktime.

**School Uniform:** Can we please remind all parents of the following school uniform rules. Please refer to your copy of our School Uniform Policy for any further details.

- During the winter months the girls can wear boots to school but they should be ALL black in colour and flat or with a very small heel.
- For reasons of health and safety jewellery is limited to one wristwatch and one set of stud earrings. If a child is wearing more jewellery than this they will be asked to remove it and it will be returned at the end of the school day.
- Please ensure that hair accessories are in academy colours: blue and yellow. Hair bands should be plain, with no adornments; also in academy colours.
- Plain white, grey or black socks should be worn with school uniform please.
- Please ensure your child's PE Kit remains in school and is ready for them to wear for their PE lessons. All children were issued with a PE Bag at the start of term for their kit.
- Most importantly please ensure that each item of school uniform is labelled with your child's name.
- School uniform can be purchased from Penelope Ann Schoolwear, 36 Tangiers Road, Baffins. Tel: 02392 666142. You can visit the shop or order online. Orders can be delivered to a collection point locally. Please contact the shop if you have any queries.

## Little Canada:

A group of Year 5 and 6 children accompanied by members of staff had a lovely time during their recent visit to Little Canada on the Isle of Wight. Look out for more information and pictures about their trip on our school website. Thank you to all those who took part and made this a memorable experience for the children.



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**Packed Lunches:** Could all parents please make sure that their children's lunchboxes are named and brought in with them at the beginning of the school day whenever possible. We seem to be receiving quite a few packed lunches, often unnamed, being handed to the office during the mornings. This can often lead to packed lunch mix ups at lunch time! Thank you in advance for your support.

**Breakfast Club:** We are delighted to report our Breakfast Club is very popular and is already enjoyed by many children! To clarify the drop off times for breakfast club are: start from 8am - last admission time 8.30am. **No admissions will be accepted after 8.30am** as preparation needs to be done for each child, in time for the latest serving of breakfast at 8.40am.

**Christmas Dinner:** Yes it's coming up to that time of year again! This year's school Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. As dinners will have to be booked for each child wanting a dinner on this day, a letter will be sent home with your child shortly after half term with a return slip for parents to complete. The cost of the dinner will still only be £2 unless your child is entitled to free school meals.

**Are you the Parent/Carer of a child or young person with special needs or disability?** Or a young person with a disability or special needs, and you find it difficult to access information about health, leisure or education? If so, please come and see "What information is in the Local Offer?" on Wednesdays 26<sup>th</sup> November at either 1.30-4.30pm or 5.30-7.30pm at the Portsmouth Football Club, Victory Suite. For more information, please contact Portsmouth Parent Voice on 07825 185608.

<b>WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS</b>				
<b>WEEK BEGINNING (Fri to Thurs)</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School)</b> 	<b>%</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School)</b> 	<b>%</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2014	Fezziwig	98.3%	Barley	98.6%
20 <sup>th</sup> October 2014	Weller & Fezziwig	97.2%	Barley	98.3%
<b>Well done to the winning classes!</b>				

## **HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE**

Congratulations to those pupils who have received the Headteacher's Certificate. Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> October the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'CHALLENGE'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Archie Smith and Angel Gardiner</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Ethan Svatik-Evans and Aldina Gashi</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Jamal Osman and Holly-Leigh Pattle</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Willow Nash and Hayley Duke</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Alan Dytfeld and Suleen Pero</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Rosie Fu and Rahim Ahmed</b>

Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> Oct the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'EFFORT'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Lily-Rose Donkin and Deborah Fregene</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Annie-May Burton and Kyle Watson</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Ruby Lale-Harrison and Alesha Sweetman</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Riya Chowdhury and Madison Devlin</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Macey-Leigh Blackman and Emily Fudger</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Tyler Glasby and Faye Thomas</b>

### **Dates for your diary**

*(Please check out the school website for more information: [www.arkdickensprimary.org](http://www.arkdickensprimary.org))*

<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> October:</b>	<b>Break up for half term</b>
<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> November:</b>	<b>School closed for staff training (INSET)</b>
<b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup> November:</b>	<b>Children back to school</b>
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> November:</b>	<b>Year 6 to Fort Nelson 9.15am – 2.45pm</b>
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> November:</b>	<b>School Nurse Drop In 9am</b>
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> November:</b>	<b>School closed for staff training (INSET)</b>
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> November:</b>	<b>Year 2 Winter Music Workshop</b>
<b>Weds 10<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>Christingle Service at All Saints Church – time to follow.</b>
<b>Weds 17<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner</b>
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	<b>Break up for Christmas Holiday</b>