

Newsletter

13th November 2014



ARK Dickens
Primary Academy



Dear Parents

It has been another busy couple of weeks with the continuation of good practice throughout the school and the children consolidating their routines. We are continuing to see good behaviour and the children really enjoy recognition of their achievements on a weekly basis through the whole school assembly and Headteacher's certificates being awarded. Our school lunchtime arrangements are now embedded and children enjoy a calm, relaxed and sociable experience whilst eating their lunch. It is a pleasure to receive complimentary feedback about our pupils from visitors to the school and also when they go off site for educational visits. Well done everyone, keep up the good work!

Mr C Duncan (Headteacher)



Children in Need Fundraising: As you know the school will be closed to the children this Friday, 14th November. We are aware that this is Children in Need Day and up and down the country people will be taking part in fundraising events. As a school we do try to support and fundraise throughout the year, therefore on Wednesday 17th December we are proposing to have a 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Children may come to school wearing a 'Christmas Jumper' instead of their school jumpers or cardigans, along with their usual school uniform (grey trousers, skirts, etc). We will be asking for a 50p donation for any child that would like to wear their 'Christmas Jumper' that day and all proceeds will go towards Children in Need. Staff are invited to join in with this too! If your child doesn't have a 'Christmas Jumper' feel free to customize a jumper they already own....get creative!

Christmas Dinner: Yes it's coming up to that time of year again! This year's school Christmas Dinner will be on **Wednesday 17th December**. As dinners will have to be booked for each child wanting a dinner on this day, please make sure that the letter sent home with your child has been completed and returned to school. It will be assumed that you will be providing a packed lunch for your child on this day if the signed slip has not been returned.

Parents' Drop-In – Behaviour Support: MABS (Multi-Agency Behaviour Support) is providing drop in sessions for parents at the Sure Start Centre on Tuesday mornings, 9.30am – 11.30am, term time only. There will be advice, support and guidance re behaviour, benefits, education, housing, course info, and time for general chit-chat! All Mums and Dads are welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided. For more information please contact Debbie Silk on 023 9266 5664 Ext1 324, or 07904 458457

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Free Fruit: Free fruit is now offered to all children throughout the school at breaktimes and is proving to be very popular. Just a quick reminder that as there is no tuck shop available any more, please do not send any money in with your child for a snack at breaktime.

Breakfast Club: We are delighted to report our Breakfast Club is extremely 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.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS				
WEEK BEGINNING (Fri to Thurs)	ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School)	%	ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School)	%
				
3 rd November 2014	Jaggers	99.2%	Barley	100%
10 th November 2014	Marley	99.5%	Micawber	100%
Well done to the winning classes!				

HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE

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

Week beginning 3rd November the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'RESILIENCE'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Riley West and Harry Wiggins	Year 2	Eden Jenkins and Summer-Louise Mitchell
Year 3	Connor Whiting and Kian Thornton	Year 4	Suli Hoxha and Poppy Drain
Year 5	Tyrin Palmer and Kirstie Silver	Year 6	Stevie Beech and Tasnim Talikdar

Week beginning 10th November the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'RESPECT'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Freddy Bartholomew and Iva Gabrovskva	Year 2	Vanessa Neuts and Brandon Britland
Year 3	Taylor Colwell and Samantha Springgay	Year 4	Sami Mohammad and Alfie Rose
Year 5	Katy Tash and Sharmina Khan	Year 6	Brandon Danks and Lacey Johnson

Dates for your diary

(Please check out the school website for more information: www.arkdickensprimary.org)

Fri 14 th November:	School closed for staff training (INSET)
Tues 18 th November:	Year 2 Winter Music Workshop
Tues 25 th November:	Nurse Drop-In at 9am
Tuesday 9 th December:	Parents Group @ 2pm
Weds 10 th December:	Upper School visit to the Panto
Thurs 11 th December:	Lower School visit to the Panto
To be confirmed:	Christingle Service at All Saints Church
Weds 17 th December:	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day!
Thurs 18 th /Fri 19 th December:	Christmas Productions
Fri 19 th December:	Break up for Christmas Holiday