

Newsletter



ARK Dickens
Primary Academy

23rd January 2015

Dear Parents



Everyone had a lovely time at our recent Mad Hatters Tea Party held on the 15th January in school to celebrate National Hat Day. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this fun lunchtime a hug success.



Year 4 class have been learning the story of Hansel and Gretal and recently performed the story to their parents. Well done to the children who took part and thank you to parents for coming in to school and supporting the class.

Contact Details: We would like to take this opportunity remind all our parents please that if any of your contact details change don't forget to inform the school office as it is important that we hold up to date information at school in case of any emergencies. This is especially important for any telephone numbers.

Medical/Dental/Optician Appointments: Except in the case of an emergency, medical, dental or optician appointments should all be made out of school hours. If this is not possible then appointments should be made at the beginning or the end of the school day. Please be aware that a routine appointment during the school day does not mean your child needs to miss the whole school day. Except in exceptional circumstances, it will be expected that your child either returns to school following an appointment or comes in before the appointment. You are also required to provide the school office with a copy of the letter of appointment card. Thank you for your co-operation.

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School Playgrounds: It has recently been reported that adults are spitting on the school playgrounds or chewing gum is being spat out onto the floor. Can we respectfully request that this does not continue as it is a health hazard to the children.

Trim Trail Use Before School: Children accompanied by an adult are welcome to use the Trim Trails before school in the morning after the gates are open but it is entirely the responsibility of adults to supervise them playing prior to the school opening. Please keep an eye on your children to ensure they are playing safely and sensibly especially if older children are using the Lower School Trim Trail too. As the Parents Handbook states, "Children left unattended will not be the responsibility of the academy until the bells ring and the school day starts."

ARK Maths Challenge: Four children were selected from Years 3 and 4 to represent our school in the ARK Maths Challenge on the 22nd January which took part at ARK Brunel School in London. We are delighted to report that Adetola Adeniran, Jamar Johnson, Teigan Wooloff and Oritsemeyiwa Fregene came 6th out of 13 schools. Congratulations and thank you to the staff who accompanied the children on the day.

Children from Year 5 and 6 are going to attempt the Maths Challenge next week – look out on the next newsletter for their results. Can they achieve a higher placing? Good luck Year 5 and 6!

Mr C Duncan
(Headteacher)

| WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS | | | | |
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| WEEK BEGINNING (Fri to Thurs) | ATTENDANCE CUP (Upper School)  | % | ATTENDANCE TED (Lower School)  | % |
| 9 th January 2015 | Copperfield | 100% | Nickleby | 97.7% |
| 16 th January 2015 | Copperfield | 98.4% | Nickleby | 98.3% |
| Well done to the winning classes! | | | | |

HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE

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

Week beginning: 9th January 2015 the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'RESILIENCE'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

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| Reception | Lily-Mae Field, Alfie Stanley | Year 1 | Harvey Ferrier, Jayden Hilliar |
| Year 2 | Shabaz Miah, Annie-May Burton | Year 3 | Maggie Tong, Aleesha Sweetman |
| Year 4 | Hugh Clark, Siem Awete | Year 5/6 | Marshall Sturgess, Lacey Johnson, Connor Nash |

Week beginning: 16th January 2015 the certificates were in recognition of an exemplary display of our **'RESPECT'** value. The certificates were awarded to:

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| Reception | Olivia Hart, Chloe Smart | Year 1 | Iva Gabrovska, Jake Anders |
| Year 2 | Mahrin Siddiq, Tommy Large | Year 3 | Paul Hill, Tiegan Wooloff |
| Year 4 | Christina Barnard, Trent Groizard | Year 5/6 | Faye Thomas, Angel Jestins, Rosie Fu |

Dates for your diary

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| Tues 3 rd February @ 2.00pm | Parents Forum Meeting |
| Thursday 12 th February | Break up for Half Term |
| Friday 13 th February | Inset Day |
| Thursday 2 nd April | Last day of Spring Term |
| Monday 20 th April | School re-opens |
| Monday 4 th May | Bank holiday |
| Friday 22 nd May | Break up for Half Term |
| Monday 1 st June | School re-opens |
| Friday 19 th June | Inset Day |
| Friday 26 th June | Inset Day |
| Tuesday 21 st July | Break up for summer holidays |