



Ark Dickens Primary Academy

Monday 11th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I am so pleased to be able to introduce myself to you as the Executive Headteacher of both Ark Dickens and Ark Ayrton Primary Academies. I have worked at Ark Ayrton and previously Somers Park for over 15 years, the last 5 as Headteacher.

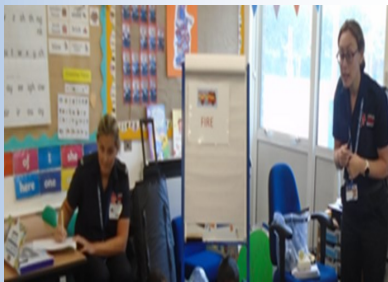
I am delighted to now have joined and be working closely with Mrs Berry and the staff at Ark Dickens as it continues on it's journey moving forward. I have a passion and commitment to ensuring our schools are great schools, it's what the children and the communities deserve. I have been so impressed with the commitment and hard work of the staff and I am really enjoying getting to the know the children who are wonderful and have settled back to the new school year quickly and with positivity. They are so polite and welcoming, it's a very happy place to be.

I look forward to getting to know you too, we will be organising a breakfast meeting soon to give you the chance to meet the school leaders over a coffee and a bacon roll and to hear your views and answer any questions you may have.

With thanks, Mrs A H-Chapman.

What's happening in Year 1?

On Wednesday Year 1 had a visit from the Fire Service. We learnt all about fire safety and played lots of games. We learnt a rhyme about matches and lighters which helped us learn about how dangerous they can be. The fire fighters showed us their uniforms. They also gave us some homework which was to learn our address in case of an emergency!



What are Year 6 up to this week?

Year 6 is our oldest and most responsible year group in the school and they have been showing this since they started in September. Not only do they focus on their learning every morning, but they have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians and have been interpreting the past from artefacts and evidence. They have learnt about the famous Cleopatra as well as the importance of the River Nile in Egypt. Here are some of our facts about Egypt we have learnt:

1. Over 130 pyramids have been discovered
2. Mummification is a process of preserving the dead
3. Cats were considered a sacred animal
4. The Egyptian alphabet contained over 700 hieroglyphs.

We look forward to writing in hieroglyphics! So if you have an interest in Ancient Egypt ask a Year 6!

What's coming up?

- **Tuesday 12th October - Year 1 trip**
Visiting our local area
- **Remote Parents Evening - 20th October**
- **Remote Parents Evening - 21st October**



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Announcements



Attendance



Never say "I can't"
Always say, "I'll try"

Stars of the Week

- Lucy M - Matilda
- Asma H - Robin
- Mya B - Merlin
- Henry H - Poppins
- Ayaan H - Aslan
- Elsie-Mai H - Wilbur
- Esmee M-F - Horton
- Joline L- Grainger
- Jessica W - Asterix
- Robbie E - Marley
- Ramisa J - Banquo
- Toyah B - Gandalf

Paddington	Am	86.36%	Aslan	92.22%
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Mowgli		92.82%	Grainger	95.33%
Pinocchio		90.16%	Horton	88.65%
Robin		90.68%	Marley	93.53%
Matilda		91.25%	Asterix	92.45%
Merlin		89.78%	Banquo	90.88%
Poppins		91.95%	Gandalf	96.67%

Make sure you look out for SAM the dog.

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House Points

