

# Headlines



Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**ARK Little Ridge  
Primary Academy**

## Message from Ms Bailey

Dear Parents/Carers,

The weeks are flying by and we're packing in so much great learning. I had the pleasure this morning of witnessing the talent of our Y6 children as they auditioned for their forthcoming play; that's going to be a treat! I've also had the chance this week to really look at the quality of handwriting across the academy and again, this is impressive. Children from Y1 upwards are developing beautiful cursive script; it's time for me brush up on my own!

I'm looking forward to hearing the results of football and cricket matches this week, and we're starting to prepare for sports days - look out for dates. We're hopeful for a little more sunshine so we can get back onto our, very muddy, field.

Have a wonderful, calm weekend; Sarah Bailey

**Keep in touch!**

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Parentmail - check your emails!

Weekly newsletter



The mobile library visited us this week. Each class was able to choose a selection of books to stock up their class libraries.

## Attendance this week

Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	92.6
		Y3 Brunel	93
YR Surrey	99	Y4 Cardiff	95.6
YR Canterbury	98.6	Y4 Chichester	97.3
Y1 Goldsmiths	99.6	Y5 Aston	96.7
Y1 Sussex	97.1	Y5 Leeds	98
Y2 Bath	96.6	Y6 Oxford	90
Y2 Exeter	96.6	Y6 Cambridge	96.5
		Chester (SLC)	87.5

## Transition Trophy Winners

Congratulations to Y3 Brunel, winners of this week's KS2 transition trophy, and to Y2 Exeter, winners of this week's KS1 transition trophy. Well done!



Please note that, after the next half term break, we will not be distributing paper copies of the newsletter. The newsletter will be published online on our website and be Parentmailed home to families. We have sent a Parentmail verification email to all those not yet registered for this service.

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## Reasons for absence

Thank you to all those parents who ensure they notify the school office that their child is, or is going to be, absent from school by telephoning the school absence line. It is important to specify the reason for absence rather than 'unwell' so that we can gain an overview of any prevalent illness passing through the school community.

## Uniform

Now that summer is upon us, we are starting to see a number of children with incorrect uniform.

Please can you ensure your child attends in full summer uniform (reminder below); this includes a tie for all children not wearing a dress. Short sleeve school shirts and shorts are appropriate. Blazers are not expected but may be worn if children wish. Shoes should be as per the uniform policy. Trainers are not acceptable for daily wear.

Should your child require new shoes or have outgrown their shoes, please let us know and an agreed want to maintain our high uniform standards throughout this period. We will be checking convenient period for replacement will be supported. There are 9 more weeks of school and we really that children have suitable, smart, school footwear in the next weeks and contacting families where this is not the case.

Please be assured that should weather become unbearably hot, teachers will use their professional judgment to encourage children to loosen ties etc where needed. Unless an instruction is given to all children about this, we aim to maintain neat, smart summer uniform all term. Please do send sunhats for hot weather; these can be any sensible hat in a plain colour (not novelty – character/flashing hats please). ARK Little Ridge hats are available from Superstitch but these are not compulsory.

Boys	Girls
<p><b>Autumn/Winter/Spring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red jumper with embroidered ARK Little Ridge logo</li> <li>• White shirt</li> <li>• Grey striped tie</li> <li>• Grey school trousers</li> <li>• Year 5 and 6 students only - grey blazer with embroidered ARK Little Ridge logo</li> <li>• Red book bag/backpack with Little Ridge logo</li> <li>• Black, grey or white socks</li> <li>• Black shoes</li> </ul> <p><b>Summer (From 1<sup>st</sup> May)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above, grey shorts optional.</li> </ul> <p><b>PE Kit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yellow polo shirt with embroidered ARK Little Ridge logo</li> <li>• Black PE shorts or jogging bottoms</li> <li>• Grey jumper with ARK Little Ridge logo (optional)</li> <li>• Trainers or plimsolls</li> <li>• Red ARK PE bag</li> </ul>	<p><b>Autumn/Winter/Spring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red jumper with embroidered ARK Little Ridge logo</li> <li>• White shirt</li> <li>• Grey striped tie</li> <li>• Grey school trousers or skirt</li> <li>• Year 5 and 6 students only - grey blazer with embroidered ARK Little Ridge logo</li> <li>• Red book bag/backpack with Little Ridge logo</li> <li>• Black, grey or white socks</li> <li>• Black shoes</li> </ul> <p><b>Summer (From 1<sup>st</sup> May)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above, red and white checked dress optional.</li> </ul> <p><b>PE Kit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yellow polo shirt with embroidered ARK Little Ridge logo</li> <li>• Black PE shorts or jogging bottoms</li> <li>• Grey jumper with ARK Little Ridge logo (optional)</li> <li>• Trainers or plimsolls</li> <li>• Red ARK PE bag</li> </ul>



## Bag2School

Don't forget that Thursday is Bag2School collection day!! If you have managed to have a good clear out, please bring your blue bags to the back of the upper hall near the Hare Way entrance by 9.10 am. This is a great way to make some monies and we will use any funds raised to buy materials to support our lunchtime play activities.



## Walk to School

Well done to everyone who took part in Walk to School week! The weather was rather mixed, but it was good to see and hear about children making their way to school on foot, rather than car. We will be entering our registers to Hastings Borough Council who will award prizes to winning schools.

## Dates for your Diaries

MAY		
23-27 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Bikeability course 1	<b>COURSE FULL</b>
6-10 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Bikeability course 2	<b>COURSE FULL</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 parent meeting re Y6 PGL October 2016	Information Parentmailed home
24 <sup>th</sup> May	YR classes visiting Rare Breeds Centre	Information Parentmailed home
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Bag2School Collection	<b>Bags to be brought to school before 9.10 on this morning only</b>
JUNE		
7/14/21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y3 Kingston swimming sessions	Letters sent home
10/17 <sup>th</sup> June and 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y3 Brunel swimming sessions	Letters sent home
15 <sup>th</sup> June	New YR 2016 parent meeting	6-7 pm
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Watersports Day	Cambridge class
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y6 Watersports Day	Oxford class Information Parentmailed home
21/22/23 June	New YR 2016 pupils visiting	2-3 pm
<b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Inset – school closed to pupils</b>	
JULY		
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	PSA Summer Fayre	Details to follow

A full summary of [term dates](#) can be accessed from our website.

[Term dates for 2016/17](#) have now been published.