



# Ark Little Ridge Primary Academy

*Newsletter*

Term 2

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## Outstanding Ark Blacklands

Our sister school, Ark Blacklands are celebrating their recent Ofsted report, which has graded the primary school as 'outstanding' in all categories. Congratulations to staff, parents and pupils for their dedication and commitment in making Ark Blacklands a success.

## Learning about Fire Safety

Our Reception classes had a special visit from Red Watch (Bohemia Road) firefighters yesterday. They talked to the children about what to do if there is a fire and how they should leave a burning building shouting 'fire!' All the children were able to sit on the fire engine and they had an opportunity to look at some of the tools they use, including car cutting equipment and a thermal imaging camera. The firefighters also let the children have a go holding the hoses and shooting water at the trees. It definitely looks as though they had fun! [Further photos](#) can be found on our website.

***'If there is a fire you have to leave the room and not go back for any toys.'***  
(Tallula)

***'If there's a fire you call 999 and the firemen will come and put it out.'*** (Jacob)

***'We saw the water hoses. I liked it when we sprayed the water at the trees.'***  
(Callum)





### Catch up Prospective YR 2017 visits

If any family missed our recent open mornings, don't worry, we are holding a catch up session on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am. Please contact the school office to arrange a tour.



### Have you ordered your child's Christmas Lunch?

Thank you to everyone who has booked their child's Christmas lunch; our kitchen staff are extremely grateful as they have time to make their preparations in readiness for the large number of meals they will be cooking. **All KS2 pupils MUST register to pay online or at a PayPoint shop** (unless you are entitled to free school meals). The office also has a list of PayPoint shops. Please let the office know and we will give you a code to set this up, however, time is running out as our Kitchen needs to know the numbers as soon as possible!

### PSA Christmas Activities



Next Thursday, 8th December, will be a "wear a Christmassy Jumper Day". Children are invited to either wear a Christmas jumper if they have one or alternatively decorate their school jumper with Christmas sparkle (tinsel, baubles etc). In return we would like the children to bring in a gift for the Bazaar's Rainbow stall and Tombolas. Please refer to recent email regarding what items classes are being asked to donate. Please note, children DO have to wear school uniform apart from their Christmas jumper.

The tombola gifts are for the Christmas Bazaar which is taking place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The PSA are looking for as many volunteers as possible to help out. If you have some spare time on this afternoon, please do let the office know.

### Attendance this week

Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	97.6
YR Surrey	96.1	Y3 Brunel	92.3
YR Canterbury	98.3	Y4 Cardiff	98.6
Y1 Goldsmiths	95.1	Y4 Chichester	90.3
Y1Sussex	96.3	Y5 Aston	96.5
Y2 Bath	95.3	Y5 Leeds	92.6
Y2 Exeter	97.3	Y6 Oxford	95.3
		Y6 Cambridge	92.8
		Chester (SLC)	99

### Transition Trophy Winners

Congratulations to Y3 Brunel, Kingston and Y6 Cambridge, winners of this week's KS2 transition trophy and to Y1 Sussex winners of this week's KS1 transition trophy. Well done!





**This week's Achievers**

Class	Name of pupil	Award	Class	Name of pupil	Award
<b>Canterbury</b>	Bluebelle Okines-Lawrence	Enthusiasm	<b>Surrey</b>	Shrida Khatiwada	Determination
	Fraser Dobson	Achievement		Preston Rolfe	Achievement
	Lacey-Mae Hall	Achievement		Maisie Jennings	Achievement
<b>Goldsmiths</b>	Taylor Smith	Rigour	<b>Sussex</b>	Leila Cheshire	Integrity
	Aimee Stewart	Achievement		Eligh Loureiro	Achievement
	Poppy Allman	Achievement		Preston Smith	Achievement
<b>Bath</b>	Ethan Abson	Determination	<b>Exeter</b>	Lloyd Braham	Enthusiasm
	Jack Loftus	Achievement		Connor Donoghue	Achievement
	Stanley Histed	Achievement		Esme Johnson	Achievement
<b>Brunel</b>	Kurtis Jackson	Determination	<b>Kingston</b>		
	Katie Wood	Achievement			
	Esme Dann	Achievement			
<b>Cardiff</b>	Jordan Wint	Enthusiasm	<b>Chichester</b>	Grace Milham	Integrity
	Macey Jackson	Achievement		Cody Cryer	Achievement
	Dorothy Hood	Achievement		Sophie Hoare	Achievement
<b>Aston</b>	Finn Hatton	Rigour	<b>Leeds</b>	James White	Rigour
	Jamie Clark	Achievement		Dylan O'Leary	Achievement
	Leroy Murray	Achievement		Rhys Roberts	Achievement
<b>Cambridge</b>	Cayden Jamieson	Integrity	<b>Oxford</b>	Emily Williamson	Determination
	Theo Woods	Achievement		Brandon Peat	Achievement
	Izzy Lister	Achievement		Jake Hanna	Achievement
<b>Chester</b>	Charlie Ansell	Generosity			
	Sarah Skilton	Achievement			
	Lilly Booth	Achievement			



**Diary dates**

Thurs 8th December	PSA Mufti	Wear a Christmas Jumper to school in exchange for tombola prizes for the Christmas Bazaar on 16 <sup>th</sup> December.
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>INSET</b>	<b>School closed to pupils</b>
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> December	YR Nativities to Parents	Surrey Class at 9.30, Canterbury Class at 2.00 pm Letters emailed home - tickets being sent home 3 per child.
	ARK Schools choir concert	6 pm, Christchurch Blacklands, Laton Road, Hastings
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch	Meals to be booked onto Parent Pay by Dec 2nd
	KS1 Christmas songs and performance for <b>Y1</b> parents/carers	2.15 in school hall Letter emailed home - tickets being sent home 2 per child.

Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas songs and performance for <b>Y2</b> parents/carers	2.15 in school hall Letter emailed home – tickets being sent home 2 per child.
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> December	PSA Christmas Bazaar	3.30 – 5.00
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 and Y4 performing carols	<b>Please note new time:</b> 2.40 on KS2 playground
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5 and Y6 performing carols Last day of term for Rocking Ridgers after school club	<b>Please note new time:</b> 2.40 on KS2 playground
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term	