

Headlines



Date: 6th May 2016

ARK Little Ridge
Primary Academy

Message from Ms Bailey

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Weekly newsletter

How lovely it's been this week to start enjoying some sunshine!

Spring has definitely sprung in the last 4 days and outdoor PE, orienteering, team games and use of the adventure trail have kept spirits high. We've been working hard on developing playtimes with more options of activities for the children and clearer expectations for safe play. Mr Drinkwater and his team have designed some lovely new rewards for playtime; you may start to see your child bringing home tokens as a thank you for their kind, positive play.

As you all know, it is SATS week for Y6 next week. We are phenomenally proud of each and every Y6 pupil and the effort that they have put into their learning this year. We also know that tests are only one measure of the children's achievement. However next week goes for them, we want our Y6 pupils to know that their best effort is all they can do; their attitudes and personalities define them. We know they are all brilliant children with unique talents and skills and that they will succeed in life, because they have developed such amazing resilience through effort.

Have a peaceful, sunny weekend,
Sarah Bailey

Our Business Ambassadors, Rubie and Leo have been working with the Hastings Education



Futures Trust's 'Working Ways' project which involves primary and secondary children from local schools being given guided learning walks around local businesses.

Twelve retail companies in and around Priory Meadow Shopping Centre hosted eleven schools showing them what it was like to work in Hastings and specifically what it was like to work on their shop floor.

The students were shown back offices, delivery areas, stock areas, staff rooms and staff shared details of their team meetings, strategies and company policies. A 'real life' experience which would enable the children to see different and new opportunities.

At their final meeting, the ambassadors were invited to Ashburnham Place, Battle to give a presentation about what they had learned.

As their focus this time had been the banking institutions, the ambassadors presented what they had learned. Instead of producing a Powerpoint, Rubie and Leo decided to present theirs through music - [take a look!](#)

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Attendance this week

Transition Trophy Winners

Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	94.5
YR Surrey	100	Y3 Brunel	95.3
YR Canterbury	96.6	Y4 Cardiff	97.4
Y1 Goldsmiths	91.6	Y4 Chichester	98.3
Y1 Sussex	99.1	Y5 Aston	97.4
Y2 Bath	95.42	Y5 Leeds	95.8
Y2 Exeter	96.67	Y6 Oxford	96.5
		Y6 Cambridge	97.8
		Chester (SLC)	90.6

Congratulations to Y6 Oxford, winners of this week's KS2 transition trophy and to YR Surrey, winners of this week's KS1 transition trophy. Well done!



ParentMail

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.



Dinner Menu 9-13th May

Nourish Catering are having a special 'Royal Week' menu next week. This is a different menu to that published on the normal 3 week cycle. To [view the menu](#), please take a look at our website.



Sierra Leone Art Project

As a school we would like to create a piece of art work to give to the teacher from Jui Lower School, Sierra Leone, when she visits at the end of this month.

We are asking children across the school to design and make a hand shape in fabric to form part of a collage.

Please draw around your hand on a piece of fabric- any colour and any type of fabric, then decorate it with sewing, sticking, colouring- whatever you like to be bright and beautiful.

Bring your completed design to school and hand it in to Chester Class where our talented artists at school will use it to create a big banner of friendship hands. **Please bring hands in to school on or before 13 May.** If you have any questions, please see Mrs Bebb or Mr Drinkwater.



Having a Spring Clean? Bag2School Collection 26th May

To raise some extra funds for school, we are working with a company called **'Bag 2 School'** to collect good quality second-hand clothing, bedding, belts and shoes. The items that are collected are weighed and the school receives £250 per tonne!

Next week, children will be coming home with a blue sack which should be used to collect any second-hand items that you no longer want. If you have more than one blue sack worth, you can use a normal black sack to collect the extra.

The blue bags should be brought to the back doors of the upper hall on Thursday 26th May for a 9.15am collection. **Please do not bring your bags into school before this date as we have nowhere to store them**

This is the fifth time that we have run this scheme and we hope to improve on the £233.00 that we raised last time. Please help with this fund raising scheme if you can. You'll not only be helping the school, but it's also a great opportunity to have a spring clean of your wardrobe!

Dates for your Diaries

MAY		
9-13 th May	KS2 SATs Nourish school dinners: Royal Week	Information sent home See Nourish Menu
16 – 18 th May	Walk to School Week	We are challenging everyone to walk every day during Active Hastings' 'Walk to School Week' to help make a real difference to children's happiness and wellbeing. Why not join other local schools and their families to celebrate walking to school?
23-27 th May	Y6 Bikeability Course	3.15 – 4.45 Information sent home
26 th May	Bag2School Collection	Bags to be brought to school before 9.10 on this morning only
JUNE		
Wed 15 th June	New YR 2016 parent meeting	6-7 pm
21/22/23 June	New YR 2016 pupils visiting	2-3 pm
24th June	Inset – school closed to pupils	
JULY		
2 nd 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.