

Headlines



Date: 10th June 2016

**ARK Little Ridge
Primary Academy**

Message from Ms Bailey

A fantastic first week back!

The sun is shining and we've been able to play out on the field all week, which always keeps spirits high! We were delighted yesterday to hear the wonderful news that our Y3-6 sports team, who participated in the ARK Schools Primary Sports at Linford Christie Stadium in London, won 2nd place overall! This is a phenomenal achievement for us and for Hastings ARK schools to be put proudly on the ARK schools' map. Well done to all involved; huge thanks to the staff involved, Mrs Cotman and Mrs Barrow, and the parents who supported us with such an early start. We are very proud of our athletes – more photographs can be found on facebook and our [website](#)!

Have a wonderful weekend! Sarah Bailey

Keep in touch!

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Parentmail - check your emails!

[Weekly newsletter](#)



Little Ridgers win **SILVER** at the Ark Primary Sports Championships at the Linford Christie Stadium yesterday

Attendance this week

Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	88.6
YR Surrey	96.6	Y3 Brunel	96.9
YR Canterbury	97.6	Y4 Cardiff	97.6
Y1 Goldsmiths	98	Y4 Chichester	94.4
Y1 Sussex	91.4	Y5 Aston	98.2
Y2 Bath	96	Y5 Leeds	98.3
Y2 Exeter	99	Y6 Oxford	96.7
		Y6 Cambridge	99.3
		Chester (SLC)	95.8

Transition Trophy Winners

Congratulations to Y6 Cambridge, winners of this week's KS2 transition trophy and to YR Surrey, Y1 Bath and Y1 Goldsmiths, winners of this week's KS1 transition trophy. Well done!



School Badminton Finals

Little Ridge took part in the school badminton finals recently and our team of Little Ridgers beat West St Leonards 7-6. After all schools had played their matches, Silverdale scored the most points, becoming league winners, and Christchurch were runners-up. Well done to Evie, Harindu, Jamie, Harry, Fin, and Matthew who played an excellent matches!

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Sierra Leone Friendship Link Football Tournament

Little Ridge's football teams had a great time in the annual Hastings Sierra Leone Friendship Link football tournament at St Leonards Academy on 27th May.

The boys team played 4 group games, beating Guestling Bradshaw 1-0 and St Pauls 2-0 before losing 2-0 to West St Leonards and 3-0 to St Leonards. These results left us 3rd in the group and we had to play Christ Church in the play-off for 5th/6th places. We won this game 3-1 to finish in 5th place overall.

The girls team played 3 group games, beating The Baird Academy 3-0, drawing 0-0 with St Pauls and losing 2-0 to Ark Blacklands. Coming 2nd in the group we had to play St Mary Star of the Sea in a play-off for 3rd/4th place, which resulted in a 0-0 draw, so the girls finished 3rd equal.

The afternoon was a great festival of football played in an excellent friendly atmosphere in glorious sunshine. All the children represented Little Ridge with real enthusiasm and can be extremely proud of their achievements. Well done! *Mr Thwaites, Football Coach*



Memories of Mrs Huggins' visit to Little Ridge

Mrs Bebb would like to thank all the children for their wonderful welcome given to Mrs Huggins when she visited us from Sierra Leone. If any children have particular memories they would like to write down about meeting Mrs Huggins, please could they do so and bring the writing into Chester Class. Mrs Bebb would like to make a display of writing and photos from the visit. The writing does not have to be long, just a few lines. Mrs Bebb looks forward to hearing from you!

PSA SUMMER FAYRE - Saturday 2nd July 2016 - 12pm - 4pm

This year's PSA Summer Fayre will have a Carnival theme to celebrate the Brazil Olympics.

We are extremely desperate for help on the day this year and without it, the day will not be able to go ahead as planned. We need help to set up in



the morning and run the stalls during the fair; at least 30 helpers! If you are able to help, please give your name to the office staff as soon as possible.

Raffle tickets are being sent home today.

MUFTI DAY - Thursday 23rd June

Thursday 23rd June will be a **Carnival themed Mufti day** in return for a tombola prize. Children are invited to come dressed in Carnival themed clothes (masks, feathers etc) or in blue, yellow and green. Please do not send in any chocolate (in case of hot weather).

We hope to run Bric-a-Brac and crockery smash stalls this year. If you have any unwanted good quality Bric-a-Brac and/or old crockery please drop it off at the back of the upper hall in the week leading up to the Fayre. We are able to collect, please leave your details at the office.

Thank you as always for your continued support!

Dates for your Diaries

JUNE		
7/14/21 st June	Y3 Kingston swimming sessions	Letters sent home
10/17 th June and 1 st July	Y3 Brunel swimming sessions	Letters sent home
15 th June	New YR 2016 parent meeting	6-7 pm
16 th June	Y6 Watersports Day	Cambridge class
21 st June	Y6 Watersports Day	Oxford class Information Parentmailed home
21/22/23 June	New YR 2016 pupils visiting	2-3 pm
23 rd June	Summer Fayre Mufti Day	Details to follow
24th June	Inset – school closed to pupils	
28 th June	KS2 sports afternoon at William Parker (reserve date Tues 5 th July)	1-3.00 Information to follow
JULY		
2 nd July	PSA Summer Fayre	Details to follow
5 th July	KS2 sports afternoon reserve date	
11 th July	KS1 sports afternoon (reserve 18 th July)	Details to follow
14 th July	Y6 Graduation Ceremony and Prom	Details to follow

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

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

Jane Starr
Claire Keen
Emma Stevens

All nominations were seconded and after a show of hands the above people were elected in the stated positions for the coming year.

Angela Doyle has expressed her wish to resign as Treasurer. As she was not present to confirm this, this will be discussed at the next committee meeting and a replacement found. Tracey Gamwell has also stepped down from the committee.

PSA Support for year 2015/2016: It was discussed and agreed that the PSA will continue to support the school and help raise money to pay for resources to support the children with their learning. It was also discussed and agreed that we will continue to try to recruit new members to the PSA. This includes information to be handed out to new parents. We will also request that we are included in the official school Facebook page.

Meeting closed at 3.05pm

News from our local Ark Secondary Schools



Ark Helenswood
Academy

Performing Arts students bring Hastings Pier memories to life...

Ark Helenswood Academy and Ark 6th Form students travelled back in time to the heyday of Hastings Pier and entertained audiences on Saturday 14th May through dance and drama. The crowd were treated to the sounds of Pink Floyd, Jimmy Hendrix, Rolling Stones and Madness.

Members of the public said:

"How lovely to see young people performing on our new Pier. The costumes were so colourful and such a great mixture of music. The students performed with such professionalism. A credit to their schools."

Students involved in the project said:

"It was amazing performing on Hastings Pier"

"I loved being part of this project – it has definitely made me more interested in the Pier"

"I didn't want it to end; it has been great being involved in this project"

Niall Whitehead – Head of Performing Arts said:

"This is part of Ark Helenswood commitment to offering our students the very best performing arts experiences in our schools"

Our schools are now part of the Living History of the Pier.

This was part of the 'In Living Memory' project with Hastings Pier which is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.





**ARK William Parker
Academy**

Unbeaten Ark William Parker crowned Sussex County Champions

Ark William Parker Academy is celebrating after their Year 7 football team were crowned Sussex County Champions. The team beat Durrington School (Worthing) 2-1 in the final, played at Lancing F.C.

On the excellent 3G surface, Parker dominated the game against tough opponents. After several chances, Captain Benn Ward scored a trademark goal, breaking into the box to unleash a powerful shot into the bottom corner of the goal.

Parker were one-up at half time and they doubled their advantage in the second period. One of Ward's excellent forward passes found the impressive Nathan Corke who unleashed an unstoppable shot which hit both posts before crossing the line. Durrington did manage a late consolation despite Freddie Legg's best efforts on the goal line. The triumphant squad also included; Spencer Winters, Joe Skinner, Alfie Peacock, Jamal Palmer, Cody Craddock, Jamal Lubanga, Harvey Mapstone, Luke Warren, Ollie Hull and Joe Stanley.

The Team had already overcome challenges from Hove Park, The Regis School, Blatchington Mill, Dorothy Stringer and Warden Park prior to facing Durrington. Benn Ward, who was thrilled to be awarded Man of the Match, said "There was a really great atmosphere at the match. We are the Champions!"

Ollie Hull and Cody Craddock said "We felt happy and proud of the whole team and how far we have come."

Alfie Peacock said, "I felt like a professional footballer walking onto the pitch" and Harvey Mapstone said, "It made me feel good because all the parents were cheering."

Coach Jimmy Elford said, "Organisers and staff were impressed with the way the team played together; they played for each other and not for themselves; as a team they worked really hard and supported each other to achieve a fantastic result. This is the sign of things to come in a very exciting future for sport at Ark William Parker Academy."

Ade Olorunda, Assistant Principal said, "We are really pleased to be celebrating the achievements of our football teams; Year 10 won the District Cup and Year 7 won both the District and County Cups. The boys have put in a lot of effort, worked well together and shown great team spirit. We want to support our students to aspire and achieve their full potential.

The well-being of our students can be enhanced through sport and enrichment activities which encourages team building and exercise. In September, Ark William Parker Academy will be teaming up with Super Stitch 86 to launch our House system and promote participation in more events. We look forward to a very exciting future for sport at Ark William Parker Academy."

