

Headlines



Date: 15th April 2016

**ARK Little Ridge
Primary Academy**

Message from Ms Bailey



Welcome back to our summer terms at Little Ridge. I look forward to sharing lots of news as our term progresses. Have a lovely weekend!
Sarah Bailey.

Keep in touch!

[Website/Facebook](#)

Parentmail: check your emails!

Weekly newsletter:

Paper copies are available in the academy lobby

Attendance this week

Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	97.9
YR Surrey	95	Y3 Brunel	95.1
YR Canterbury	97.5	Y4 Cardiff	95.6
Y1 Goldsmiths	99.2	Y4 Chichester	97.9
Y1 Sussex	94.8	Y5 Aston	98.7
Y2 Bath	96.5	Y5 Leeds	99.1
Y2 Exeter	96.3	Y6 Oxford	98.2
		Y6 Cambridge	94.8
		Chester (SLC)	100

Transition Trophy Winners

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



Certificates will be going home to all children who have achieved 95% and above attendance since the beginning of the school year to the end of last term.



Go Yellow for St Michael's Hospice – Friday 22nd April
Next Friday, we will be inviting to children to come to school wearing something yellow with their school uniform in return for a 50p donation for the Hospice.

Morning Entry into School

Huge thanks to parents for your support with our "soft entry" routines in the mornings. This has significantly increased the smoothness to the start of the day and means children can get extra teacher time first thing to help them settle in. We are delighted with how well it's working and the reduced congestion on the roads nearby.

We are still concerned that a small number of children arrive at school before 8.45 unsupervised. This is leading to silliness and conflict between children and is potentially a safeguarding concern as children are not supervised until the school doors open at 8.45.

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We operate the breakfast club daily from 7.45-8.45. If your child must arrive before 8.45 then you need this service. If your child is seen outside school we will send them to the breakfast club so that we can ensure they are safe. Please be aware that there is a charge for this and we will need to contact you if your child is attending to arrange payment.

To ensure this happens, from Mon 18th April, we will not open the green security gates on the windy path or office until 8.40 am.

For the 5 minutes between 8.40 and 8.45 a staff member will ensure any children entering the site go into the breakfast club. We will not allow any football/games to be played outside during this morning slot. Children should come straight into school on their arrival. **N.B Any children arriving at school unsupervised before 8.40 will have to buzz in and will be sent to the breakfast club. Many thanks in advance for your support. Sarah Bailey and team.**



Vehicle access to our school site

In a bid to ease the congestion seen around the vehicle entrance to school in the mornings we are trialling leaving our vehicle gates open before school. This avoids creating queues of vehicles in Hare Way while they are waiting to enter the site.

However, we have noticed a small number of parents bringing their cars on site to drop children off in the mornings, which again is causing congestion as well as creating a potential safety issue for pedestrians on and around the school site.

Can we please ask therefore that, in keeping with the policy we've always had here at the school, **parents/carers do not bring cars onto the site** unless they have been issued in advance with a specific permission permit by the school. Many thanks; your help in this will be much appreciated.



FREE course for parents/carers who have English as a second language

Ark Little Ridge has been extremely fortunate to have received some funding to run a FREE course for parents and/or carers of a children who come from homes where English is not the only language spoken and who feel they would benefit from a course to help them support their child(rens) learning at home.

A short course of 5 lessons will run every Thursday afternoon from 3.30 – 5.30 starting April 28th and ending on 26th May. Children will be given a FREE complimentary place at our after school club (Rocking Ridgers) on these days if this would help with childcare arrangements.

If you would like to attend, or would like further information, please do let Mrs Zebedee in the school office know as soon as possible so that your place can be confirmed.

School Dinner Menu

Take a look at the [latest school lunch menu](#) which is available on our website. Hard copies are also kept in the office lobby. Please note that there are special days listed when the menu will be different to that published. These dates are: 9th – 13th May (Royal Week), 9th June (Football Day), and 8th July (Seaside Day).

Keeping our children safe online

[O2 and NSPCC](#) have an online guide to help parents and guardians understand the digital world their children live in. Additional information and links can be found on our [website](#). Do take a look.

Internet addresses:
Ark Little Ridge e safety: http://arklittleridgeprimary.org/e-safety-0
Childline: http://www.childline.org.uk/Explore/OnlineSafety/Pages/OnlineSafety.aspx
NSPCC/02: http://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc?cm_mmc=msnuk-_-PPC_Brand_Other_Partnerships-_-NSPCC-Generics-Search-Broad-_-InternetSafetyGeneric%20%20internet%20safety%20Broad

Dates for your Diaries

APRIL		
22 nd April	Yellow Day for St Michael's Hospice Y5 Raptor visit	Parentmail sent home
MAY		
9-13 th May	KS2 SATs	
23-27 th May	Y6 Bikeability Course	Information to follow
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.