

Headlines



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**ARK Little Ridge
Primary Academy**



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Weekly newsletter:

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Celebration Bunting for Reopening of Hastings Pier

All schools in Hastings were asked to take part in a celebration of the re-opening of the Pier by designing a triangle of bunting. The children could draw a picture of what Hastings and the piers represents for them. The Celebration Bunting is being put up today for the May Bank Holiday weekend. We are not sure exactly how long it will be displayed as it will depend on the weather – but we're hoping for lots of sunshine!

Attendance this week

Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	96
YR Surrey	96	Y3 Brunel	94
YR Canterbury	95	Y4 Cardiff	99.3
Y1 Goldsmiths	85.3	Y4 Chichester	95
Y1 Sussex	95.7	Y5 Aston	92.7
Y2 Bath	97.6	Y5 Leeds	93.3
Y2 Exeter	92.6	Y6 Oxford	96.9
		Y6 Cambridge	96.9
		Chester (SLC)	96.6

Transition Trophy Winners

Congratulations to Y6 Oxford and Y5 Leeds, joint winners of this week's KS2 transition trophy and to Y2 Exeter, winners of this week's KS1 transition trophy. Well done!

Achievers: KS1: Jorja Glynn – Year 1 Sussex

KS2: Joseph O'Shaughnessy – Year 5 Leeds

Both children received a book and a £10 book token

YR Canterbury were the winners of class attendance for Terms 1-4.

They received a treat sized chocolate from attendance officer, Mrs Eggleston.



We received a report today that a child, trying to cross the road between badly parked cars, was very nearly hit by a vehicle. Please, to keep our children safe, **do not double park, park on pavements or on the zig zags around the school entrances.** Thank you.

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Raising money for Breast Cancer

Miss Booth, teacher of Y1 Goldsmiths, has entered for the 'Pretty muddy 5K run' which is part of the Race for Life charity that raises money for breast cancer research. The race, which takes place in June, attracts thousands of women from across the UK to unite and become an unstoppable force against cancer. Should anyone want to sponsor Miss Booth or make a donation, there is a box at the office. Thank you.



Walk to School Week: 16th – 18th May

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? Active Hastings will give a trophy to the school that has the highest walk to school rate for that week. Each day classes will have a show of hands and find out who walked to school and have a total for the entire school by the end of the week.

In addition to the trophy Active Hastings will also offer 5 free lunchtime activity classes for the school that has the highest walking rate for the walk to school week.

Y4 learning Survival Skills at Mallydam Wood

Y4 pupils were invited to a free 'Survival Skills' day at Mallydam Wood. They had the opportunity to learn about survival in the wild by taking part in various activities in the woods.

'We made hats out of leaves and paper for camouflage. The best thing was making a fire with flint and steel!' (William Blakeley)

'It was great fun making a shelter out of sticks and leaves to help us stay warm and dry. I really enjoyed searching for the survival kits and learning what all the things were for.' (Warrisha Miah)



Keeping Our Children Safe & Secure

Reminder re Morning Entry times

Thank you to everyone who has adopted our amended routine regarding entry to school for the start of the day. However, we are still seeing a few children arriving too early and requiring supervision to ensure their safety.

Can we therefore reiterate that unless children are attending our Breakfast Club there should be no children on the school site before 8.40am, when we open the gate at the foot of the entrance path. Any children who arrive before that time will be taken to Breakfast Club so they are kept safe and supervised, and we will request that parents/carers pay the Breakfast Club attendance fee of £2 for that day.

Our staff will commence supervision of all children arriving for school from 8.45am, so all children not in Breakfast Club, with the exception of those Year 5 & 6 children where parents have provided written permission for their children to arrive in school from 8.40am on their own, should be supervised until 8.45am please.

Many thanks; we greatly appreciate your help with these arrangements.

Dates for your Diaries

MAY		
4 th May	Y5 attending 'Be the Change' presentation at The Hastings Centre	1-3 pm Parentmail sent home
5 th May	Y4 visiting Jerwood Gallery	Parentmail sent home
9-13 th May	KS2 SATs Nourish school dinners: Royal Week	See Nourish Menu
16 – 18 th May	Walk to School Week	
23-27 th May	Y6 Bikeability Course	3.15 – 4.45 Information sent home
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.



It was lovely to see Mrs Drinkwater when she popped into school this week to introduce her beautiful new baby Lottie to everyone. Lottie was extremely well behaved albeit very sleepy!

~ Don't forget Monday is a Public Holiday;
children return to school on Tuesday 5th May ~

