

Headlines



Date: 27th May 2016

**ARK Little Ridge
Primary Academy**

Message from Miss Hawke, Deputy Head

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Weekly newsletter

It has been yet another busy week at Ark Little Ridge. The children have welcomed our visitor – Mrs Huggins – from our partner school in Sierra Leone. They have demonstrated polite curiosity and have given our visitor an enthusiastic welcome to the school. Mrs Huggins brought gifts of bracelets, clothing, footwear and a banner made by her pupils at Jui Lower School. During the week, she has joined all the classes and talked to the children about her own school. Mrs Huggins particularly enjoyed joining in a Y3 Science lesson on the dangers of smoking. She loved singing our school song “Give it all you’ve got!” and has learnt the words so she can teach it in Sierra Leone. Thank you to everyone who supported this visit, made hands for our banner and for giving Mrs Huggins such a warm welcome. The banner looked beautiful and provided a fitting farewell gift yesterday.

The Year 2 children have worked especially hard on their special jobs this week and have been both determined and rigorous in their approach. One boy told me with great pride that he had taken a maths test and had completed it all. It was his favourite job of the week. Elsewhere in school the Year 4 and 5 children have been working so hard on their extended writing. It was lovely to see the responsibility shown by the Year 5s whilst completing their story writing. They had so many features to include and managed it all with great enthusiasm. Our Reception children went to visit the Rare Breeds Centre this week. Mrs Rose and Mrs Snyman said all the children learnt a lot and were so independent and grown up.

The children have been incredibly hard-working across the school this term and I hope that everyone enjoys a much needed and well deserved half term break.

Children return to school on Monday 6th June.



Mrs Huggins with the ‘Hands of Friendship’ wall hanging made by Little Ridgers



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Attendance this week

Transition Trophy Winners

Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	92.3
YR Surrey	95	Y3 Brunel	96.2
YR Canterbury	91.3	Y4 Cardiff	94.6
Y1 Goldsmiths	96.6	Y4 Chichester	89.3
Y1 Sussex	97.9	Y5 Aston	95
Y2 Bath	96.6	Y5 Leeds	93.6
Y2 Exeter	95	Y6 Oxford	95.1
		Y6 Cambridge	97.9
		Chester (SLC)	92.5

Congratulations to Y6 Cambridge winners of this week's KS2 transition trophy and to Y2 Bath, winners of this week's KS1 transition trophy. Well done!



KS2 Sports afternoon – save the date!

Our KS2 Sports afternoon will take place on **Tuesday 28th June at Ark William Parker**. (If the weather causes postponement, the reserve date for this is Tuesday 5th July). We will inform you of the date for the KS1 sports next term.

School Football

Both our boys' and girls' football teams took part in the Sandown football tournaments last week and did really well! On Friday, the girls beat Sandown 4-0 and West St Leonards 1-0, drew 0-0 with Guestling and lost 0-1 to St Mary Star of the Sea to finish second in their group. They then went on to play a very strong Blacklands team in the semi-finals and, although they played excellent football, they lost 2-0; Blacklands went on to beat Sacred Heart in the final.

On Saturday, the boys beat Charters Ancaster 1-0 and St Paul's 3-0 before losing 1-0 to Sandown. Despite that defeat they still finished top of their group and faced Little Common in the semi-finals. In a very close game they were unlucky to lose 1-0 and Little Common went on the share the trophy with Sandown as the final finished in a draw. Both teams had a brilliant time and represented Little Ridge excellently. Today, both teams will be playing at St Leonards Academy in the Sierra Leone Friendship tournament.

PSA Summer Fayre News



Have you seen the signs?
Actively selling in your area
smartproperty

Our Summer Fayre is taking place on **Saturday, 2nd July**. We are very happy to announce that Smart Property are sponsoring our Fayre again this year and, as before, will make up special sale boards advertising the Fayre which can be displayed outside local properties. They will pay us £10 for each sign they put up.

For this to happen, we need to supply Smart Property with a minimum of 30 addresses of people willing to display one of these signs on their property. Smart will then put the signs up from the week beginning 6th of June and they will be displayed until the 4th July.

If you are willing to display one of these boards, please let the academy office know, leaving your name/address/tel number. Alternatively, you can send a private message on Facebook with your details. Please, if applicable, also leave any instructions on the placing of the board (e.g. not in a favourite flower bed, or attached to a wall etc.)

Further information about the Fayre will be issued just after half term. Many thanks for your support.

Parent Course – English as an additional Language; supporting your child at school

This course, run by David Horne has now come to an end. 4 parents, who have English as an additional language, attended these 5 after school sessions to discuss and discover ways in which they could help support their children's learning.

'I have more confidence in communication and I can guide my children well in English. It was very productive and in a friendly, comfortable environment, not only working indoors, but outdoors as well. Brilliant experience.'

'Very easy and very funny. It has made me interested in learning English.'

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
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	

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

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



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FREE FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY IN HALF TERM AT HASTINGS MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

To celebrate the Durbar Hall's 130th Birthday

Tuesday 31st May

10am - 3pm

Make and take crafts, a performer & musician,
object handling & a museum trail.

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