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Newsletter

Term 4

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Dear parents and carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your children all a happy and restful break.

It has been a busy term at ARK Little Ridge and we continue to see work of a very high standard from the children across the curriculum. It is always a pleasure, at this time of the year, to witness the real progress children have made from their starting points.

I have had the opportunity over the last term to show various visitors around the school, and I am pleased to report that all feedback has been extremely positive with the enthusiasm and engagement of the staff and children being particularly noted.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mark Rankin, Head of School

Little Ridgers enjoy a day of Design and Technology

Today, all children were given the opportunity to spend a day doing some design and technology. All classes participated and there was an array of projects taking place around the school; YR have been baking, making baskets and painting, Y3 have been baking Willy Wonka chocolate cake, Y2 were creating vehicles, Y1 are making Easter arts and crafts, Y4 have been looking at textiles and sewing their mobile phone covers, Y5 have been creating sustainable and robust structures and Y6 have been competing to make the best marble run! Why not [take a look?](#)





Safeguarding Update: Online and Digital Safeguarding

Recently I attended a Local Authority training session looking at the subject of 'E-Safety' and Online and Digital Safeguarding. This was a really useful event that gave me an insight into the principles of how we can make children's access to the online world a safe and beneficial experience for them. We also looked at how we can integrate a better understanding of the risks that can sometimes be present online, which will enable me to support teaching staff in building this into our PSHE and IT curriculum, which I will be working on. I also found three excellent websites that provide lots of really useful information for Parents and Carers about parental controls, the risks of certain specific apps, as well as other age appropriate resources for making your child's online experience safe and beneficial as we move into a more digital age. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about online safety.

The three websites are:

www.net-aware.org.uk – this website from the NSPCC, also available as a downloadable app, provides information about the most common apps that children will access

www.internetmatters.org – this website contains a wealth of age specific resources around internet access, potential risks, and an internet safety checklist for parents

www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety - again, another website with lots of useful resources, with some especially useful advice for technophobic adults about how to set up devices with parental controls and advice to help you talk to your children about online safeguarding.

Simon Hawthorn (Senior Leader & Inclusion Manager)

Policies

Just a reminder for everyone in our school community that a wide range of [our policies](#) are available on our school website, including our [Safeguarding Policy](#), our [Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Report](#), and our [Behaviour](#), [Attendance](#) and [Anti-Bullying](#) guides. Alternatively, if you want to see a hard copy of any of these, please either contact me or ask at the school office.



Well done to all our Little Ridgers; the total raised for Red Nose Day was an AMAZING £500.81. This is a fantastic effort - thank you to everyone who contributed!



Medical Appointments

Whilst we encourage parents and carers to arrange medical/dental appointments out of school hours, we do understand that this is sometimes unrealistic. Should your child need time out of school to attend an appointment, we do ask to take a photocopy of the medical card/letter. If a letter or card are not available, we ask parents/carers to write or email a note into the school office with the reason, date and time of the absence. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Attendance this week

Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	95.3
YR Surrey	91.1	Y3 Brunel	99.6
YR Canterbury	87	Y4 Cardiff	98.6
Y1 Goldsmiths	91.1	Y4 Chichester	94.2
Y1Sussex	95.7	Y5 Aston	96.9
Y2 Bath	93.6	Y5 Leeds	96.9
Y2 Exeter	98	Y6 Oxford	90
		Y6 Cambridge	94.8
		Chester (SLC)	86.3

Transition Trophy Winners

Congratulations to Y4 Chichester, winners of this week's KS2 transition trophy and to Y1 Sussex, winners of this week's KS1 transition trophy. Well done!



This week's Achievers

Class	Name of pupil	Award	Class	Name of pupil	Award
Canterbury	Esme Burgess	Rigour	Surrey	Mollie Upton	Rigour
	Phoebe Babstock	Achievement		Faye Hinton	Achievement
	Harry Catt	Achievement		Joshua Mabon	Achievement
Goldsmiths	Cooper Tilbury	Determination	Sussex	Kayleigh Tilbury	Generosity
	Michelle Mangiri	Achievement		Mazen Ibrahim	Achievement
	Brooke Pain	Achievement		Sophie Ellis	Achievement
Bath	Freya Delves	Enthusiasm	Exeter	Isabelle Piotrowski	
	Isabelle Fowlie	Achievement		Jorja Glynn	Achievement
	Harry Howard	Achievement		Dimitrios Koumousidis	Achievement
Brunel	Josh Swarna	Integrity	Kingston	Laylee Coomber	Rigour
	Ruby Bradshaw	Achievement		Zane Wickens	Achievement
	Grace Evans	Achievement		Evie Packman	Achievement
Cardiff	Josh Moor	Rigour	Chichester	Everyone	Enthusiasm
	Macey Jackson	Achievement		Zac Lister	Achievement
	Jordan Scott	Achievement		Grace Milham	Achievement
Aston	Lacey Ancell	Integrity	Leeds	James White	Enthusiasm
	Jamie Clark	Achievement		Milie Sabu	Achievement
	Warrisha Miah	Achievement		Charlie Hamilton	Achievement
Cambridge	Sophie Brooks	Integrity	Oxford	Izzy Franks	Integrity
	Jamie English	Achievement		Jake Hanna	Achievement
	Cameron Bushell	Achievement		Arthur Ford	Achievement

Chester	Lilly Booth	Determination
	Lucas Carter	Achievement
	Ben Goldsmith	Achievement



Ben Tucker and Logan Ellis from Y4 Chichester, wrote Mr Rankin a letter requesting permission to set up a litter picking service in school. Mr Rankin met with them to discuss it. Mr Rankin said, 'Ben and Logan explained clearly and concisely how they felt about the litter in school grounds and what they wished to do about it. Both boys were incredibly perceptive and put forward their point of view very well.

I have agreed to them setting up a litter picking service, initially with the two of them, during lunch breaks and I have provided them with equipment including litter pickers and gloves.

I was very proud of the boy's commitment to the school and their clear community spirit.'



Diary dates

Can't print a reply slip? Please don't worry; information emailed home to view, handwritten responses are fine!

Mon 3rd – Mon 17th April	Easter Break	New Lunch Menu April-July
Tues 18th April	INSET	
Wed 19 th April	Y2 Exeter rescheduled parent meetings 1 of 2 Read Write Inc (RWI) Phonics Workshop for EYFS parents/carers	New appointment sheets at office. Please sign up for meeting time. 3.20 - 4 pm, children welcome to attend. Information emailed home.
Thurs 20 th April	Y2 Exeter rescheduled parent meetings 2 of 2	New appointment sheets at office. Please sign up for meeting time.
Wed 26 th April	Y4 visiting Jerwood Gallery	1/2 day each class - information emailed home
Mon 8 th May	Y6 End of Key Stage SAT weeks	
Mon 15 th May	Walk to School Week Y6 Bikeability course 1 begins	Information emailed home
Monday 22 nd May	Y6 Bikeability course 2 begins	Information emailed home
Thurs 25 th May	YR visiting Rare Breeds Centre	Information emailed home
Fri 26 th May	Class Photographs being taken	
Fri 7th July	INSET	
Sat 8 th July	PSA Summer Fayre	Information to follow

Please always check [our school website](#) for [Ark Little Ridge term dates!](#)