



Ark Little Ridge Primary Academy

Newsletter

Term 2

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Christmas Cards and Gifts

It's late November and some of you may be thinking about buying and writing Christmas cards. Most parents will be aware that in previous years we set up our Christmas card post-box, where children can post their cards to friends across the school, and some helpful pupils distribute them to the classes.

This year, we will be asking children to **only** write cards to **children and staff in their year group bubble**. Please **do not lick the envelope closed** but tuck the flap inside itself. Cards can be handed to their class teachers from Monday 7th December. The class teacher will ensure that the cards are isolated for the appropriate amount of time before they are handed out. It will not be possible this year for us to distribute cards across the school. Thank you for helping us to safely keep our Christmas traditions!



School Pantomime

We have purchased a virtual pantomime of [Sleeping Beauty](#) from BigFoot Arts Education to share with the children at Christmas. The panto will be tailored to our school, with references to the school and some of the staff, so it should be entertaining for the children. To help towards the costs of the performance, we are asking for a voluntary donation of £1.20 per child which can be paid via ParentPay-Pantomime by 14th December. To make it even more enjoyable, the school will be providing refreshments for the children during the performance, Thank you!

Last few days to book a school

Christmas lunch! On Wednesday 9th December, children are invited to wear a Christmassy top instead of their normal school jumper/cardigan regardless of whether they are having a school Christmas lunch or bringing a packed lunch!



INSET DAY – Friday 4th December

A reminder that next Friday is an INSET day and school is closed to pupils.

Year R/6 School Photo Orders – MUST be returned by Wednesday 2nd Decembe.





Children have been voting for their school council representatives. Candidates made speeches to persuade the others to vote for them. Ryan made banners for Danny! Miss Kenny said, *'Everyone had planned their speeches very well and spoke clearly and with confidence!'*



Cornet Demonstration

Christina Kearley, [East Sussex Music Services](#) Brass Teacher, came into school today to give a [cornet demonstration](#) to our KS2 pupils. Children enjoyed dancing along to the music! If anyone is interested in learning this, or any other brass instrument, please see the information emailed home with this newsletter.

Government Covid-19 Holiday Food Support Scheme

We want to ensure that all our families who are entitled to free school meals are able to access the Government holiday food support scheme — don't forget to fill in a Free School Meal application form if you think you may be eligible. Email the office if you need a form!



Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Poppy Appeal with the purchase of wristbands. We raised £397.42!



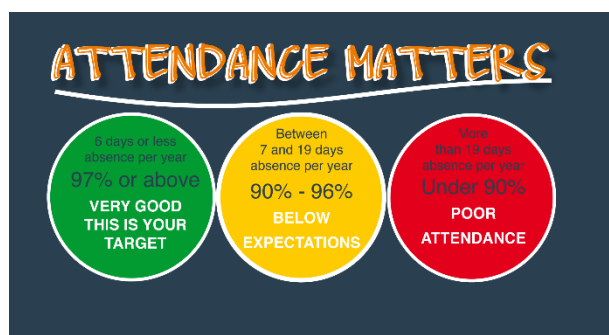
The Hastings Education Futures Trust are offering some fun and **FREE** sport/game activities on 21st and 22nd December 2020 – [take a look!](#)





Attendance and Safeguarding

Attendance this week

Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	100
		Y3 Brunel	94.6
YR Surrey	98.3	Y4 Cardiff	99.6
YR Canterbury	96.9	Y4 Chichester	100
Y1 Goldsmiths	98	Y5 Aston	96.5
Y1Sussex	99.3	Y5 Leeds	96.6
Y2 Bath	99.3	Y6 Oxford	97.9
Y2 Exeter	99.6	Y6 Cambridge	97.8
		Chester (SLC)	100



 This week's Achievers					
Class	Name of pupil	Award	Class	Name of pupil	Award
Canterbury	George Jones	Generosity	Surrey	Pearl Capon	Generosity
	Jake Jones	Achievement		Charlie Hilton	Achievement
	Violet Foster	Achievement		Anya Mucci	Achievement
Goldsmiths	Connie Henderson	Generosity	Sussex	Barney Pilkington	Generosity
	Logan McCallion-Ellen	Achievement		Matilda Yates	Achievement
	Kalim Uddin	Achievement		Allea-Rae Mallion	Achievement
Bath	Eleanor Gladwish	Generosity	Exeter	Talia Gilbert	Generosity
	Demi Youens	Achievement		Sonny Tomlinson	Achievement
	Charlie Smythe	Achievement		Lucius Loureiro	Achievement
Brunel	Eva Porter	Generosity	Kingston	Taylor Pain	Generosity
	Caitlin Dupuy	Achievement		Isabelle-Rose Stevens	Achievement
	Poppy Lloyd	Achievement		Noah Goddin	Achievement
Cardiff	Talulah Burdett	Generosity	Chichester	Joshua Mabon	Generosity
	Keira Ticehurst	Achievement		Ellis Baker Ozelik	Achievement
	Oliver Poole	Achievement		Harry Catt	Achievement
Aston	Mia Ramsey	Generosity	Leeds	Elsie Benton	Generosity
	Kirsten Parsons	Achievement		Henry Boateng	Achievement
	Cooper Tilbury	Achievement		Fletcher Collins	Achievement
Cambridge	Phoebe Briggs	Generosity	Oxford	Brooke Jones	Generosity
	Josh Roberts	Achievement		Alice Hatos	Achievement
	Ruby Penton	Achievement		Esme Johnson	Achievement
		KS1 Winners:	Y1 Goldsmiths (189)		
		KS2 Winners:	Y4 Chichester (398)		



Diary dates

Wednesday 2 nd December	YR vision screenings	Information
Friday 4th December	INSET	
Wednesday 9 th December	School Christmas Lunch	Information On this day, children can wear a Christmassy jumper instead of their normal school jumper/cardigan regardless of whether they are having a packed lunch or school Christmas dinner.
Monday 7 th – Friday 11 th December	Bring your ‘bubbles’ Christmas post to school.	Please see instructions in this newsletter
Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2021	Christmas Break	
Monday 4th January 2020	INSET	Children return to school Tuesday 5 th January 2021

