



Ark Little Ridge Primary Academy

Newsletter

Term 2

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Dear parents and carers

It has been lovely to welcome our pupils back to school for the beginning of term 2.

Every Day Counts!

A big thank you to all our families who are supporting our drive to ensure excellent attendance since we returned to school in September. As you are aware, attendance at school is once again compulsory and expected by the government. The Department for Education tracks attendance carefully and our aim is to have an attendance figure in excess of the national average of 96.7%. Our attendance figure for the year to date is 97.72% (over 1% higher than the national average) but there IS always room for improvement! The week commencing 12/10/20 was our most well attended week so far this year; 98.6% of children were in school! Amazing!

A huge well done goes out to the 273 children who have managed 100% attendance this year so far! A great achievement! *Kate Woolley (Head of School)*

To support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, we have been selling Poppy wristbands at £1. These will be on sale until 11th November. Children are invited to bring their money to school in a named envelope and the wristbands will be taken around to each class bubble. Children will learn about Remembrance Day during Monday's Assembly and we will be holding a one minute silence on 11th November in tribute to those who lost their lives fighting for their country in past and current conflicts.



As you are aware, the COVID situation continues to change and challenge our school life. May we remind families that we are continuing to ask parents to wear a face covering on the school site when they are dropping off or collecting their children. Please can we also remind everyone to maintain social distancing as much as possible at these times.

**We're Supporting Children in Need – Friday 13th November.
See this Newsletter for information.**





In a recent message to parents, we explained how current research and now Government guidance suggests that fresh ventilation to a room really helps to reduce the risk of the virus spreading. In this respect, staff will ensure that windows are kept ajar, whenever practically possible, and also open the activity external doors regularly, particularly when classrooms aren't in use, to fully ventilate and change the air in the classrooms. With this measure in place, please can we ask that parents send their children to school with a **named** hoodie/fleece that can be worn in the classroom

over uniform if needed. It does not have to be in the school colours but needs to be sensible in design.

Please note that this is an additional layer for pupils to wear should it be needed; full school uniform must continue to be worn by pupils at all times. Thank you for your continued support to keep our school community safe.



School Christmas Lunch

School Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 9th December
Must be booked on ParentPay by Tuesday 1st December

Yes, Christmas is coming! We will be holding our school Christmas lunch on Wednesday, 9th December.

So that our kitchen staff can ensure they order the correct quantity of food, we ask that lunch bookings for this day are completed on ParentPay **by Tuesday 1st December**. In past years, we have been extremely lenient over late bookings for Christmas lunches but this year, due to the restrictions we have regarding Covid-19, we will have to say that **no extra lunches can be ordered after this date**; our school kitchen and teaching staff will need time to organise this very busy lunch period around year group bubbles.



Children in Need 2020

This year's theme is 'Five to Thrive' and is aimed at helping to improve children's physical and mental wellbeing. Next Friday, 13th November, children are invited to come in to school in their PE kits. During

the day, they will take part in various 'Five to Thrive' activities in exchange for a donation to Children in Need.

Attendance and Safeguarding

Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	100
		Y3 Brunel	98.6
YR Surrey	96.6	Y4 Cardiff	99.6
YR Canterbury	100	Y4 Chichester	97.6
Y1 Goldsmiths	95.1	Y5 Aston	97.7
Y1Sussex	98.9	Y5 Leeds	100
Y2 Bath	96.4	Y6 Oxford	96.3
Y2 Exeter	96.5	Y6 Cambridge	98.6
		Chester (SLC)	100



 This week's Achievers					
Class	Name of pupil	Award	Class	Name of pupil	Award
Canterbury	Eddie Gibson	Rigour	Surrey	Henry Unicombe-Daniels	Rigour
	Lily-Mai	Achievement		Monty Shewry-Maryan	Achievement
	Willow Medhurst	Achievement		Mason Climpson	Achievement
Goldsmiths	Noah Cutts	Rigour	Sussex	Kobe Knapp	Rigour
	Emelia Burgess	Achievement		Isabella Bonds	Achievement
	Sophie Eaton	Achievement		Sukee Thapa	Achievement
Bath	Noah Meek	Rigour	Exeter	Frankie Turner	Rigour
	Elyssa Smith	Achievement		Karthik Arun	Achievement
	Euan Delves	Achievement		Jade Bexhell	Achievement
Brunel	Ruby Edwards	Rigour	Kingston	Leo Scott	Rigour
	Finley Perfect	Achievement		Malala Alikhel	Achievement
	Leo Brett	Achievement		Darcie Burgess	Achievement
Cardiff	Elsie Lou Hayman	Rigour	Chichester	Indie Hustwayte	Rigour
	Jakey Chantler	Achievement		Tejas Machavarapu	Achievement
	Maisie Jennings	Achievement		Harrison Sawyer	Achievement
Aston	Pelen Suleiman	Rigour	Leeds	Brooke Pain	Rigour
	Leila Cheshire	Achievement		Freya Sadler	Achievement
	Danny O'Leary	Achievement		Arish Rahman	Achievement
Cambridge	Ethan Abson	Rigour	Oxford	Naila Shani	Rigour
	Ashton Small	Achievement		Jorja Glynn	Achievement
	Mia Cornwell	Achievement		Ayva Porter	Achievement
		KS1 Winners: KS2 Winners:	Y1 Goldsmiths Y3 Brunel		



Rotary Club's Young Writer Competition: 'My Happiest Day'

A reminder that The Rotary Club are running a national competition on the theme of “**My Happiest Day**”.

Children are invited to produce a piece of fiction or non-fiction (maximum 550 words) or poem (maximum 40 lines), relating to this theme on 1 side of an A4 sheet.

There are 3 age groups: Junior [7-10 years], Intermediate [11-13 years] and Senior [14-17 years].

To enter, you need to [download this entry form](#), attach it to your entry and send it to the school office by **Monday 30th November**.

Prizes: At all stages of the competition, competitors will receive a certificate of participation. At the National Final, the winners will receive a vocational experience such as working in a newspaper or publishing environment with a professional practitioner.

Further information including can be obtained in the [Information Pack](#).

Virtual Tours and Meet the Head of School for Reception Year Admissions September 2021

Please note that due to new COVID guidelines, all of our visits will now be 'virtual tours' on the following days and times. To book on a virtual tour, please email the school office with 'virtual tour' in the subject line:

Thursday 5th November at 3.30 and 4.30 pm

Wednesday 11th November 1.30 pm

Thursday 12th November at 3.30 and 4.30 pm

Thursday 19th November 9.30 am

Thursday 26th November at 3.30 and 4.30 pm

We look forward to welcoming you to our school!

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Diary dates

Friday 13 th November	Children in Need	Information
Monday 16 th November	Nasal flu vaccinations for pupils in Years R - 6	Consent forms sent home. Information can be found here
Friday 20 th November	School Photographers to photograph Reception and Year 6 classes	Children in Year R should wear their school uniform (not PE kit) on this day!
Wednesday 2 nd December	YR vision screenings	Information
Friday 4th December	INSET	
Wednesday 9 th December	School Christmas Lunch	Information

