

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 1 WEEK 2

15TH SEPTEMBER 2016



Year 6— PGL

Autumn term has started with a very sunny September in the brand new Year 6 classrooms. The children have settled beautifully back into school and they have adapted to their new environment with fantastic enthusiasm and excellent behaviour.

Within the next two weeks Year 6 children will be receiving their first letter with details of the PGL trip scheduled for next June - always an exciting event and great fun. Years 5 and 5/6 have already received a letter detailing the forthcoming trip to Port Lympe to support their topic work on Africa.

**Things that
make me
smile...**



Listening to the children in KS2 singing in our wonderful new hall!



Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons are available to children in years 3,4,5 and 6

through Richard Butler from East Sussex Music.

Information about the guitar lessons and how to apply is available from the School Office. You can also contact Richard on 07833 294 985/01424 465 414 or email him at richard.butler@eastsussex.gov.uk if you would like to discuss anything in more detail.



Habits of Success!

In line with the Academy's new habits of success, the children from

Key Stage 1 considered

RESPONSIBILITY in their sing and celebrate assembly on Friday.

Mrs Jones spoke to the children about the meaning of the word and ways in which they can be responsible through their behaviour and by looking after their personal belongings and the school environment.



Parking

Please may we remind Parents of the need to respect our local residents and be considerate when dropping off and picking up children. Unfortunately, we have received a complaint about parents parking across driveways and causing obstruction.

The Boltons

We have also received a complaint about pupils using the private pathway through 'The Boltons', littering the area and generally causing a disturbance.

May we therefore appeal to the goodwill and understanding of our parents and carers to help us maintain our otherwise excellent relations with our local residents. Thank you.

Mrs R Rankin

Attendance



Can I please remind parents of the importance of ensuring your child is in school on time every day. There is a clear link between pupils' attendance levels and their academic achievements, which is why we place so much importance on tracking the attendance of our pupils. Obviously if your child is very ill then you should

keep them at home, but if you are unsure about whether they should come into school, if they have a cold for example, then please contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Childs, for advice. We do have very high expectations of our pupils so that they have the best chance of success, and it is vital that this includes their attendance levels as well.

Mr S Hawthorne

Home time

When collecting your children from the school playground, could we please ask parents and carers to stand back a little to leave a clear space for teachers to bring their classes out. This will ensure all children are delivered safely to whoever is collecting them. This is particularly important at this early stage in the year when the teaching staff are still getting to know all the parents and carers.

