

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 1 WEEK 3

23RD SEPTEMBER 2016



1066—Battle of Hastings

2016 marks the 950th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings and the town is planning a week of celebrations to commemorate the 14th October 1066. 'Hastings week' starts on the 8th October to the 14th October. There will be a range of activities including a Battle of Hastings re-enactment and the grand finale of the

Hastings Bonfire Torchlight Procession.

To celebrate this event at ARK Blacklands, the children are learning about the experiences that are depicted on the Bayeux Tapestry. Throughout the school, children are creating a piece of art in response to the Bayeux Tapestry, so for example in Year 1 children are drawing and painting themselves in Norman or Saxon outfits, whilst other children are focusing on learning about the soldiers' ships or the shields with which they protected themselves.

Things that make me smile...



Listening to the younger children learning their new phonics sounds!

Email contact:

Just a little reminder that parents wishing to contact their child's teacher, or any other staff member by email, can do so at info@arkblacklandsprimary.org



Key Stage 1

This week's assembly theme in Key Stage 1 was 'Courage'.

Mrs Jones spoke to the

children about having courage—courage to try things and 'have a go', even if it seems a little tricky. Never be afraid to challenge yourself!



Port Lymgne

Year 5 and Class 5/6 are going on a trip to Port Lymgne on October 14th. The children will learn about many different animals to support their topic work on Africa for this term. Please may we ask that anyone who has not yet paid for their child's trip, does so by 30th September. Thank you.

OPEN DAYS

We would like to welcome all prospective parents to come along to an open morning/afternoon at ARK Blacklands Primary Academy to be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 8th November 9.30-11.00am

Wednesday 9th November 9.30-11.00am

Thursday 10th November 1.30-3pm

We are now able to offer 90 Reception places each year. Please see our prospectus for more details of life at our Academy. Applications for September 2017 entry are now open.

PE Kit

We would be very grateful to parents for ensuring their child wears the following garments for PE:



Blacklands Turquoise polo shirt

Black Shorts

Black Tracksuit with Blacklands logo (optional)

Black trainers or plimsolls

For parents of Year 6 children, please take a look at the school notice board for dates of upcoming open days for a variety of schools offering secondary education.



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