

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 1 WEEK 5
6TH OCTOBER 2016

Ore in Bloom—Year 1 Visit Fairlight Hall

The children from Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful day at Fairlight Hall celebrating the 'Ore in Bloom' event. The children were lucky enough to experience a huge variety of activities including planting seeds, a bug safari, a sheepdog demonstration, cooking and eating Eton Mess and even grooming ponies. The event was fully funded by Fairlight Hall and there were many staff and volunteers working on the day to ensure the children had a fantastic and educational time. The children will be writing letters next week to thank everyone for their hard work. Thank you to all the parent helpers that joined us for the day, I am sure you'll agree that our children made us very proud.



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



Listening to the Key Stage 2 children singing with our new ARK Music tutors

Water Bottles

We have now received a new stock of Academy water bottles, available from the Office. Price £2.20



Harvest Festival

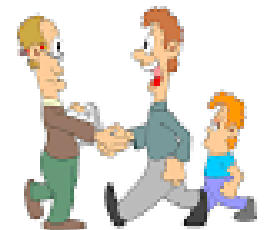
Our Harvest Festival assembly will be held on Monday 17th October. As in past years, we will be collecting donations on behalf of the Hastings

Foodbank. If you would like to make a food donation, please could you send in **non-perishable items** with your child on the morning of the 17th. All donations will be gratefully received.



Parent/Teacher Consultations

Our parent/teacher consultations will take place during the last week of term. This is an opportunity to meet with the class teacher to discuss your child's progress and find out what your child will be doing during the Academy year. Sign up sheets will be available in the Academy main entrance from next Tuesday, 11th October.



Half Term

Please may we remind parents and carers that the children return back to school after the half-term break on Tuesday, 1st November, the Monday 31st October being an Academy Inset Day. Thank you.

Attendance Champions

Overall year-to-date attendance was 96.0%. Congratulations to this week's top performers, in particular Mr Barton's Class (Grey), who achieved an amazing 100% attendance this week! Well done!



Early Yrs	Matisse	99.6%
KS 1	Grey	100%
LKS2	Baird	99.3%
UKS2	Ghandi	99.3%

Rainforest Workshop Year 3



Last week, the children in Curie and Pasteur classes took part in a Rainforest workshop

as part of their geography topic for this term. Mr Andrew Smith transformed a part of the classroom into a mini rainforest showing a river setting, the forest floor and the canopy. The children enjoyed seeing and handling the creatures which Mr Andrew Smith brought in including a tarantula, which some children and adults showed great courage in stroking!