



# Ark Blacklands Primary Academy

## Newsletter

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A very warm welcome back to school from all the staff at Blacklands. I hope you had a great summer break with lots of rest and opportunities to enjoy fun activities with friends and family. A special welcome to all of you who are new to us this year. I have especially enjoyed being introduced to our new Early Years children and I am really impressed by how well they are settling in to school life. I also take the opportunity to extend a huge welcome to all our new staff members.

The staff and I are looking forward to another exciting, productive and successful school year.

Mrs N. Rankin, Head of School

### Things that make me proud...

Seeing all the children return to school looking impeccable in their school uniforms—Well done!



### Little Reminder!

Now that the children have established where their classrooms are and have settled in, may we please remind parents that when dropping their children to school, parents are not allowed past the double doors leading onto the school corridors.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### New Reception Play Area

While most of us were enjoying a rest, Mrs Hulls, our Business Manager, and Mr Haines, our site manager were busy preparing the school for the new school year. This included overseeing the installation of a brand new play area for our Reception children. We think that it looks pretty fantastic and from the reaction of the children, they agree!



Please may we ask parents to help us make sure the children do not use the play area outside of school hours. Thank you.



### Little Reminder!

This week the kitchen struggled to calculate meal numbers as many parents had forgotten to book their child's meal on Parentpay. We realise that the first week back to school is busy with so many things to remember, but please may we ask parents to ensure future meals are booked. Also, for parents of children who have moved up to Year 3, please can you make sure your parentpay accounts are credited for meal payments. Thank you.

**NO  
PARKING**



Regrettably we have received numerous complaints from residents and parents about inconsiderate parking. This is despite the many signs that have been installed outside the school gates prohibiting parking. Unfortunately, the Academy has no legal jurisdiction outside of the school premises, however we have spoken to East Sussex County Council who recommend that parents and residents phone ESCC Parking Shop with their complaint on 0845 680 1129. Hopefully, if enough complaints are logged, a parking attendant will be sent to check the area.

Meanwhile, can we appeal to all our parents to respect the parking prohibitions that are in place. Thank you for your cooperation.



### We've Moved!

The summer break is often a time when people move home and/or get new phone numbers. If this is the case for you, please do make sure to provide the office with your new details. Thank you.