

# NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands  
Primary Academy**

TERM 2 WEEK 8

20TH DECEMBER 2016



## Christmas Message from the Head

Merry Christmas Everyone! We've had a marvellous final couple of weeks of term and we are all now feeling very festive. The academy has been filled with the sound of wonderful singing and today everyone looked fabulous in their finest festive jumpers. Thank you so much, parents, for all your support this term! Well done to all the children who earned their bronze Star this term - staying Green for the whole term is an incredible achievement. Please have a really good rest and enjoy time with friends and family over the next couple of weeks. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Mrs N. Rankin

## Things that make me smile...



Receiving a call from a nearby resident to say how nice it was to hear the children's carol singing, especially as they all sang in tune!

## Don't forget!

January 5th and 6th are INSET days. Therefore, we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 9th January.**

## Blacklands Indoor Athletics

On Thursday, six boys and six girls competed in the area athletics finals. The children gave their all and the team came first out of 8 schools, ahead of St Leonards and Silverdale. The team will now go forward to the Hastings and Rother Area Finals in January. Congratulations to all who took part!



## Carol Concerts

This week the children from KS2 performed their carol concerts. Years 3 and 4 entertained parents in the Hall with modern carols and their thoughts about Christmas, while Years 5 and 6 gave a lovely performance at Blacklands Church. The teachers and TAs wish to thank all those who attended and helped make the events so special.



## Fond Farewell

Today we had to bid a very sad but warm farewell to our much loved Lead MDSA, Mrs Martin, who takes her retirement following 27 years of service at Blacklands. Mrs Martin's farewell presentation took place during lunchtime in front of the children, whose wonderful applause helped to make it a very memorable occasion.



## 'Dear Santa'

### Competition Results

The winners of the 'Dear Santa' letter competition have now been chosen. A huge congratulations to our two winners Lilly Humphries (KS2) and Learna Reed (KS1), and our runners up Teddy Chattein (KS2) and Eddie Butler-Dawson (KS1) who received certificates and a prize. Thank you for all your letters which we thoroughly enjoyed reading. They are all on display in a folder in the Learning Resource Centre.



## St Michael's Hospice

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to the charity during the children's concerts. This morning a Hospice representative visited us and we were very proud to be able to hand over an amazing £1,153.00!

