



# Ark Blacklands Primary Academy

## Newsletter

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TERM 2 WEEK 2  
10TH NOVEMBER 2017



### A Day at the Zoo...

Today the children in Year 2 had a wonderful time at Drusilla's Zoo! The children were able to handle different reptiles, watch the penguins being fed and see many different animals.

This trip has helped the children learn more about animal habitats and adaptations as part of their geography and science studies.



### Things that make me proud...



Seeing so many children eager to buy and wear Remembrance poppies!

### Diary reminder...

#### Y1 Phonics Support

On Tuesday, 14th November at 9am, parents and carers of children in year 1 are invited to come in and learn about how we prepare the children for the phonics screening check which will take place at the end of the year. No booking is required.

### Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you to those parents and carers who have completed the survey that was sent out through Parent Pay this week. If you have not yet submitted your feedback, please may we encourage you to do so; it will only take a few minutes! The survey can be accessed on line at <https://goo.gl/forms/JNX1a1hyNo5kiRf1>.



Paper copies are also available at the Reception. Your feedback and suggestions are extremely important to us as we continually strive towards greater parent and carer engagement.

### Children in Need Cake Sale



**On Friday 17th November**, we will be participating in the '**BBC Children in Need's Big Spotacular Bake Sale**'.

Parents and carers are invited to donate cakes to be sold to the children at play time. Any leftovers will be sold on the school gate at the end of the day. If you would like to donate a cake or two, please send them in with your child on Friday morning, along with a few pennies!

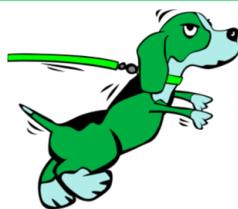
Thank you.

### JoJo Bows!

May we remind parents/carers that JoJo bows can be worn to school if they are in school colours only. Thank you.

### Dates for the Diary

- Tues 14 Nov, 9am..... Y1 Phonics meeting
- Friday 17 Nov.....Children in Need Cake sale
- Friday 24 Nov..... Non school uniform day
- Saturday 2 Dec..... FAB Christmas Bonanza
- Tues 5 Dec PM..... Early Years Nativity,
- Wed 6 Dec, 9.30am.....Early Years Nativity Play
- Fri 8 Dec.....!INSET Day
- Mon 11 Dec, PM.....KSI Nativity Play,
- Tue 12 Dec, 9.30am.....KSI Nativity Play
- Tue 19 Dec.....Christmas Jumper Day
- Tue 19 Dec, PM.....Class Christmas Parties



### Wagging Tails!

Regrettably, the Academy has received some complaints about dogs being left tied up outside the school gates. The complaint is as much out of concern for the animals' welfare as it is about the disturbance caused when several dogs are put together. Therefore, we would be extremely grateful if parents and carers would avoid leaving their pets unattended outside the school unless absolutely necessary.