



# Ark Blacklands Primary Academy

## Newsletter

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TERM 2 WEEK 5  
1ST DECEMBER 2017

### The Big Sing

This week, children from Ark Blacklands joined primary school pupils from across the county to perform in the Big Sing held at the White Rock Theatre. The annual music event is a collaboration between East Sussex Music, Glyndebourne and University of Sussex School of English. Mrs Rankin was incredibly proud of the children commenting, "The children sang beautifully and were a real credit to the school and Hastings".



### Things that make me thankful!

Witnessing all the hardwork, carried out with enthusiasm and excitement, of our fabulous FAB team as they prepare for tomorrow's Christmas Fair!



### Artists' Corner

We are very proud of Jack Lawrence in year 2. Jack recently entered an art competition organised by Bateman's of the National Trust, and has had his work selected as one of the winning designs to be made into a Christmas bauble. The winning designs will be on display at Batemans from 2nd December to 1st January.



### Read, Write, Inc.

We were delighted this week to receive our certificate from Read, Write Inc. (RWI) to celebrate being a Model School! RWI is the literacy programme used at



Blacklands to help children become confident speakers, readers and writers. We are extremely proud to have been selected for this accolade!

### Gym Stars!



Well done Mika Gartside (Y5) and Lily Harris (Y3), for representing Ark Blacklands in the Sussex Schools'

Acrobatics and Gymnastics competition. Both girls did extremely well with Mika taking a 1st place medal and Lily a 3rd place medal. Keep up the backflips!

### Dates for the Diary

Saturday 2 Dec..... FAB Christmas Bonanza  
Monday 4 Dec.....Year 4 visit to Jerwood Gallery  
Tues 5 Dec 2.15pm..... Early Years Nativity,  
Wed 6 Dec, 9.30am.....Early Years Nativity Play  
Fri 8 Dec.....INSET Day  
Mon 11 Dec, 2.15pm.....KSI Nativity Play,  
Mon 11 Dec, 6pm.....Yrs 5&6 Carols and Blacklands Church  
Tue 12 Dec, 9.30am.....KSI Nativity Play  
Friday 15 Dec.....Christmas Jumper Day  
Friday 15 Dec.....FAB Christmas Panto  
Monday 18 Dec, 2.45pm.....Yrs 3 & 4 Carol Concert  
Tuesday 19 Dec, 2.45pm..... Yrs 3 & 4 Carol Concert  
Tues 19 Dec, PM..... EYFS, Yrs 1, 2, 5 & 6 Christmas Parties  
Wednesday 20 Dec, PM.....Yrs 3 & 4 Christmas Parties

### DEADLINE!



By now you should have received your child's photograph. Orders must be submitted to the school by **Tuesday 5th December** the very latest.

### Brrrr—Jack Frost is here!

Now that the winter frost is starting to bite, please may we remind parents and carers to make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves ... all clearly named, please!

