



# Ark Blacklands Primary Academy

## Newsletter

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## Christmas Greetings!



Dear parents and carers,

What a busy and exciting term this has been! The children have excelled in everything they have done and, as always, made me very proud. I would like to thank you all for coming into school over the last few weeks to support your children in their various Christmas performances. I'm sure you will agree when I say that the singing from all the children was fabulous and we have all been very well entertained! I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January**.

Mrs Rankin, Head of School

### Things that make me happy!

Watching the children singing, playing games and general having lots and lots of fun at their Christmas parties!



### Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated money towards Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day. Together we raised an amazing £303.90!



### A letter from Santa!



There was a lot of excitement in the Reception classes this week with the arrival of a big bag of cards from Father Christmas himself! At the beginning of December, the Reception children worked hard to write their requests for Santa before heading out on a trip to the post box to send the letters. A big thank you to Father Christmas who took time out of his busy schedule to send replies to each of the children.

### Free Courses & Events for Parents & Carers!

We are delighted to be offering a number of free courses and events for parents and carers in the new year which are aimed at helping you support your child's development. If you are interested in enrolling in any of these, or would like to find out more about them, please contact Mrs Bolton.

**Sats Explained**— This is a 5-week course for parents/carers of KS2 children to explain the content of a Year 6 maths and English paper so that you may better support your child in the lead up to the KS2 Sats. The course will take place on Fridays, 9am to 11am, starting 12th January until 9th February.

**Triple P Talk: Raising Resilient Children**— On Wednesday 17th January, 1.30pm to 3pm, parents and carers are invited to a short talk designed to assist parents in managing behavioural issues and skill development issues.

**Autism Support Coffee Morning**—On Tuesday 23rd January, 9am to 10.30am, we are hosting an open coffee morning for parents/carers of children who have, or may have, Autistic Spectrum Difficulties. No booking required.



Today was Mrs Golfin's last day after 17 years at Blacklands. I am sure you will join with us in wishing her all the very best in her new ventures.

### Parent Survey

Do look out for the results of the Parent Survey, which we will be sending out today by Parent Pay. The results will also be posted on our website.

Thank you to everyone who took time to complete the survey and provide invaluable feedback.