

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 3 WEEK 1

15TH JANUARY 2016



We are looking forward to another successful year at Blacklands, and what better way to usher in the New Year than to celebrate the children's amazing sports achievements with a brand new Trophy Cabinet. The cabinet, overflowing with awards, has been given pride of place in our Reception Area, and we hope our parents and carers will stop to admire it when next here.

Lorraine Clarke



**Things that
make me
proud...**



Seeing all the children's trophies in our new Trophy Cabinet!

Attendance & Safeguarding News

Well done to the following classes, which had the highest attendance figures for their phase last week:

Early Years	Picasso	95.9%
Key stage 1	King Smith	97.0%
Lower key stage 2	Baird	97.1%
Upper Key stage 2	Pankhurst	96.8%

Our overall attendance figure is currently 95.8%, slightly lower than our school target of 97%. Please help us achieve our target by getting your children to school on time every day!

Food, glorious food!

The kitchen has organised a special Winnie the Pooh menu to mark Census Day next Thursday, 21st January:

Main

- Pooh's Sticky Honey & Orange Chicken
Vegetable Pittas (v)

Sides

Noodles and sweet corn

Parents should book lunch as normal through Parent Pay, but be aware that the above choices will replace those currently listed.



Lost Property Announcement

A pupil from Mrs Parker's class (yr 3) lost a very special jacket on the last day of term last year. It is black and furry with a teddy bear hood. Should anyone find it, please hand it into the Office. Thank you.



Music Events

At the end of last term, a group of 12 children from KS2 visited Mountside Residential Home to sing Christmas songs for the residents. Their singing was appreciated by all, and some of the residents joined in with the singing. They were accompanied on the trip by Miss Winter and Mrs Humphreys.

Also, the children learning to play the violin with Mrs Jenny Benwell from East Sussex Music Service gave a short performance of Christmas music to KS2.

Snow Alert!



In the event of heavy snow and the need to close the school, an announcement will be posted on our website and a message sent via Parent Pay. If you are not already set up to receive notices, please ask the Office to register you.

Lunch money

The Kitchen are having to send out an increasing number of letters for unpaid lunch money. Please may we remind parents and carers who cannot use the Parent Pay system to send in lunch money either in advance or on the day. For those parents and carers using the system, please can you ensure your account is kept in credit. This will reduce the administrative burden on the kitchen.

Thank you for your understanding.

Parking

We have received a number of complaints from local residents about parents parking across driveways and causing an obstruction. Please may we ask parents and carers to respect the parking restrictions and exercise due consideration for the local residents when collecting children.



Reminder...

Our school policies are updated regularly and are available on our website.