

# NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands  
Primary Academy**

TERM 3 WEEK 3

29TH JANUARY 2016

## Parent/Teacher Consultations

The sign up sheets for our spring Parent/Teacher consultations will be available in the Office Foyer area from end of school Monday, 1st February and each morning and afternoon of that week. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher, look at their work and discuss their progress and achievement to date. This meeting also provides an opportunity to look at your child's personal, social and emotional development.

## **Active Kids 2016**

It's that time of year again when Sainsbury's are handing out their Active Kids Vouchers. This is a great opportunity for the school to acquire some new sports equipment for the children. We hope parents and carers will help us collect as many vouchers as possible. Vouchers can be collected from 27th January until 3rd May at all Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and when ordering groceries online. A collection box has been set up in the Reception Area.



The more we can collect, the more the children will benefit, so please do ask your family, friends and neighbours if they will collect for us too.

Thank you

## **Things that make me smile ...**

Seeing Miss Cook teaching 11 children how to dance 80's Electro style at After School Club!



## **Safer Internet Day**

Please don't forget that the school will be hosting two Online Safety Information sessions for parents and carers on Tuesday, 9th February at 2.30pm and 5.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Tuesday Dance Club Performance**

The children from Miss Kimmy's Tuesday Dance Club are getting ready for their end of term performance on:

*Tuesday, 9th February at 4pm.*

The children have been working really hard and are looking forward to the parents and carers coming to see them.

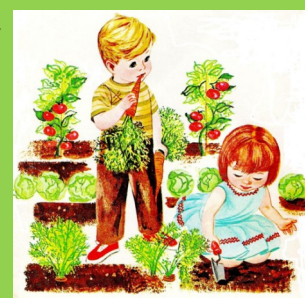


## **"Are there any keen gardeners out there?"**

We are very fortunate at Blacklands to have a fantastic outdoor space that includes vegetable and garden plots, along with an outdoor learning area and a greenhouse. We use this space during the week but want to ensure we are making the most of this amazing area.

If there are any keen green fingered parents, grandparents or carers out there that would like to run a gardening/horticulture club, or a home grown 'Bear Grylls' who would like to run some woodland/outdoor skills sessions after school, we'd love to hear from you!

Please contact Mr. Hawthorne for more information. Thanks!"



## **Late collections**



We are noticing a gradual increase in parents and carers arriving late to collect their children and would like to remind you of our policy, which is that any child not collected by 3.30pm will automatically be put into After School Club and the parent charged accordingly.

## **Water Bottles**

We are sorry to have to announce that our supplier has increased the price of the water bottles to £2.20. Whilst we realise this represents a significant increase, we would like to reassure you that this is at cost and we do not make a profit from the sale of the bottles.



## **Attendance & Safeguarding News**

Overall attendance this week remained at 95.8%, with our top performers holding on to their positions. Congratulations to Ghandi Class in UKS2, as they have successfully caught up, and are equal with, Pankhurst Class. The battle is on!

Early Yrs	Picasso	95.8%
KS 1	King Smith	97.2%
LKS2	Baird	97.2%
UKS2	Pankhurst/ Ghandi	96.9%