



Ark Blacklands Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Ark Blacklands Wins Funding to Help Improve Quality of Teaching in The Region

I am delighted to announce that BLACKLANDS is one of eleven schools to have won funding to boost the quality of teaching in their region through better use of research. Blacklands has been awarded the status of Hastings Research School in order to support other local schools with school improvement in the Hastings & St Leonards area.

The new Research Schools – part-funded through the Government's Opportunity Areas programme and part of a joint initiative between the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) and the Institute for Effective Education (IEE) - were unveiled by the Education Secretary, Justine Greening, at a summit hosted by the Sutton Trust on Wednesday. Our Academy will receive £200,000 over three years to become the focal point of evidence-based practice in Hastings & St Leonards and build networks between large numbers of schools. We will develop a programme of support and events to get more teachers using research evidence in ways that make a difference in the classroom.

This is a huge recognition of the quality of education we provide for our children at Blacklands and it is a privilege to be invited to share our innovation and expertise with other local schools.

Lorraine Clarke, Regional Director

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Things that make me smile...

Watching our KS2
Parents with their
toddlers taking part in
today's Parents and Tots race!



Year 6 Leavers' Disco

On Wednesday, our wonderful year 6's enjoyed a fantastic farewell disco organised by our equally wonderful FAB Team. A



huge thank you to our FAB ladies for making it happen!



Welcome to the Family!

We are delighted to welcome Castledown to the Ark family of Hastings primary schools.

Castledown, soon to be known as Ark Castledown Primary Academy, will become an Ark academy in September. The schools will be led by Lorraine Clarke, the newly appointed Regional Director for the Ark Hastings Primary Academies. We look forward to working closely with the staff, parents and pupils of the school next year.

KS1—Sports Day

Key stage 1 sports day was a roaring success, all credit to Miss Smith and Mr Regnier for their hard work to make it happen. Thank you to all the parents for coming along and cheering the children on. Special thanks to all those good sports who joined in with the parents races.



Important Update! The Year 3 James and the Giant Peach activity has been moved from Monday to **Wednesday 19th July** next week. The children are invited to dress up as one of the characters - James, Centipede, Ladybird, Miss Spider, Glow-worm, Earthworm or Grasshopper. There is no need to purchase a costume – a head dress and colourful clothing is sufficient.

