

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 3, WEEK 2

16TH JANUARY 2014

Visit to Parliament

Members of the school council had the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament last term. During their visit they entered in the House of Lords and admired the Queen's robing rooms. They learned a lot about democracy in our society and stood on the very spot that Nelson Mandela did when he addressed parliament, dignitaries and Government leaders.

The pupils also had a private audience with Amber Rudd, our local MP. They asked her lots of questions, including what she had main responsibility for. The children were a credit to the school and their parents throughout the visit.



Mountside Care Home Visit

Mr Bacon and Miss Winter took a group of Year 6 girls to the Mountside View Residential Home to sing some festive tunes for all to enjoy. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the visit and the pupils even had them singing along to some of the Christmas classics.

The girls were an absolute credit to Ark Blacklands and we look forward to building on this relationship as part of our programme for pupils being active citizens in our community.



Friends of Ark Blacklands (FAB)

The PTA has changed and now we have the FAB team. This means as well as staff and parents, grandparents and members of the local community can also join in to support Blacklands. Their principle aim is to raise money for the Academy and support with parent communication. They are launching their new look at a school disco for parents and pupils to attend on

Friday 23rd January at 6.30pm.

New Year, New Start

Mr Hawthorne led an assembly this week reminding pupils of their aims and goals for this year.



His top tips for success were:

- Have high expectations of yourself and others
- Turn to adults for help
- Never be afraid to try— and fail!
- Take responsibility for your actions

Parent Consultations

Sign up sheets for parent consultations will be available from **Thursday 22nd January**. If you are unable to come into school to sign up, please telephone or email the office to make an appointment on your behalf.

KEY DATES

January

23rd Friend of Blacklands Disco

February

3rd Parent Consultations
4th Parent Consultations
5th Parent Consultations
6th Parent Consultations

13th INSET—End of Term

23rd Return to school—Term 4

March

30th Easter Break

April

13th INSET
14th Return to school—Term 5