

# NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands  
Primary Academy**

TERM 1 WEEK 2

18TH SEPTEMBER 2015

## Parent Workshops

We have a range of parent workshops coming up this term, to help inform you about how your child learns at Blacklands.

### Phonics

On **Thursday 24th September at 2.30pm**, we are holding a workshop to explain how we teach phonics. This workshop is aimed primarily at parents of children in Early Years and Year 1. However, parents of children in Year 2 would also benefit from this input and are welcome to attend.



### Maths Mastery

On **Tuesday 29th September at 2.30pm**, we will be running a workshop on Maths Mastery, detailing the approach we take to the teaching of mathematics in Early Years, Years 1 and Year 2.

### KS2 Maths

On **Tuesday 29th September at 5pm**, we have a parent information session on the maths syllabus in KS2, with advice on how you can support your children at home. This will benefit parents of children in Year 3, Years 4, Year 5 and Year 6.



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



Our new Play Leaders for this year, getting together to discuss fun activities for our pupils at lunchtimes.

### Uniform

Please could we ask that parents check all their child's uniform to ensure it is clearly named. Staff make every effort to return items to their owner but it is difficult to return found items if the uniform is not named.

Thank you

Please make sure you have registered with **ParentPay**. Not only is it the way to pay for and book school dinners but most of our Parent Information is sent this way. Any problems, please contact the school office.

Please try and avoid parking near the school at the beginning and end of each day as it causes a congestion which can then be hazardous to all.

## ESCC & Ark Blacklands Expansion Project Public Discussion and Information Meeting Monday 28th September 3– 6pm Ark Blacklands Academy

The Design and Management Team for the proposed expansion of Ark Blacklands Primary Academy are hosting an open information session for interested parties to attend. At this meeting you will be able to meet the key people involved in the project. There will be ample opportunity to acquire more information about the expansion as well as the chance to ask questions about the proposed scheme. The team will be at Ark Blacklands from 3pm until 6pm, enabling you to choose the best time for you to come and find out more.

### **Morning and Afternoon Clubs at Blacklands**

We have a new morning activity club starting at Blacklands this term.

Miss Kimmy is offering Cheerleading classes to our pupils.

KS1 Cheerleading is on Wednesday mornings 8am—8.45 am

KS2 Cheerleading is on Friday mornings 8am—8.45 am

Booking sheets are available from the office.



### **Key Dates**

All key dates for parents will now appear on the website calendar.

Please check it regularly for updates.

We have now published the great range of before and after school clubs and activities on our website. A copy has also been sent out to all parents who have signed up for emails through Parent Pay. Please check out what is on offer on our website, using the "Life at school" link.