

# NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands  
Primary Academy**

TERM 2, WEEK 4

28TH NOVEMBER 2014

## Mustard Seed Relief: Love in a Box

Thank you to everyone who donated Christmas gifts for the 'Love in a Box' campaign. The packages were collected this week and are due to be shipped abroad in time for children to receive them in time for Christmas. To put a smile on a child's face is a wonderful gift.



FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 2014



**Save the Children  
CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

In order to support 'Save the Children', we have signed up to their Christmas Jumper Day –

welcome to the woolly revolution!

By donning your best festive sweater on Friday 12 December, you'll be helping raise money for life-saving work around the world – from Syria to South Sudan, Brazil to Bangladesh.

This year, your money will go even further because every pound you give will be match-funded by the UK government – doubling your donations. So wear your Christmas jumpers with pride!

### Make it at home idea

\* If you do not have a Christmas jumper, then you can

## Positive play is here to stay!

Pupils and staff have been working hard on developing our play provision at lunchtimes. Some of our older pupils have trained as 'buddies' to support and play with children, making the playground a fun place to be!



We also have pupils from Helenswood Academy coming to us at lunchtimes helping to develop social skills and friendships.



## Sierra Leone

Despite positive developments in completing the toilet building work for our link school, REC Hastings, the recent ebola crisis has caused major problems with teachers being able to educate the children. As a response to this and through the Hastings Sierra Leone Friendship Link, we have decided to support this cause by organising a **fundraising day** on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** for the **teachers at REC Hastings**. A letter will be sent out detailing the fundraising activities that will take place in order for you to choose how you would like to support this charity.

## The proof is in the pudding!

In Year 4, the children have been learning about the traditions surrounding advent. One of these traditions involved the making of the famous Christmas Pudding, brought over to England by Prince Albert in the late nineteenth century. The children learnt lots from the experience, for example the 13 ingredients representing Jesus and his 12 disciples, as well as stirring the mixture from East to West to show the journey of the wise men. A big thank you to Mrs V Harvey for organising this activity.



## Walking Bus

*...run by parents for the pupils and parents of Blacklands.*



Want to get fit in the new year? Want to help the local community? We would like to introduce a walking bus in the mornings from Alexandra Park to help relieve the traffic congestion around the school. If you are interested, please contact Miss Clarke for further information.



## KEY DATES



### December

10th	Christmas Dinners	
12th	Rainbow Theatre Panto	
12th	Christmas Jumper Day	
15th	YF Nativity	2.15pm
16th	YF Nativity	9.30am
16th	Y3 & Y4 Carols	2.45pm
17th	KS1 Christmas Show	2.15pm
17th	Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert	6.00pm
18th	KS1 Christmas Show	9.30am
18th	Y3 & Y4 Carols	2.45pm
19th	End of Term - Merry Christmas	

### January

6th	Back to school
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