

NEWSLETTER



**ARK Blacklands
Primary Academy**

TERM 2 WEEK 6

11TH DECEMBER 2015

KS2 League Tables

We are extremely proud to announce that the Department for Education have released their KS2 league tables, which show that **Ark Blacklands had the biggest improvement in Hastings and St Leonards** of combined L4+ reading, writing and maths. The school also had the second highest percentage of students attaining a combined level 4b+, with St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School just edging ahead by a single percentage point – 79% to Ark Blacklands 78%!

Busy, Busy Bethlehem

The children in the Early Years proudly performed their Christmas production. The children looked amazing in their costumes and have worked incredibly hard over the last few weeks to learn all the songs. Well done to all the children for a wonderful performance!



Spelling out Christmas

The children in Key stage one also performed their Christmas concert this week. How lovely to hear children singing unaccompanied. They sang a selection of traditional carols and some more modern calypso carols, with a selection of poems. What amazing memories the children have learning all the words.



The money raised from the ticket sales will go to St. Michael's Hospice. The teachers and TAs would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who helped create the costumes for the children, and for buying tickets.



Things that make me smile...



Seeing our children enjoying their Christmas dinners!

The FAB Festive Fete

A huge thank you to everybody who helped, supported and shopped at the FAB Festive Fete on Saturday, which raised a total of £1,700 for the school. There were games and raffles, tombolas and gifts, pre-loved toys, books and uniform, not to mention a visit from Father Christmas in his beautiful grotto, and a great deal of Christmas fun! The Hamper raffle and Chocolate tombola were particularly busy and the cake stall was full of beautifully baked cakes—all thanks to our amazing parents! Father Christmas loved meeting all the children and will do his best to fulfil their Christmas wishes - although the little girl who wanted a Unicorn or a Pegasus, may be a little disappointed!



CAROL CONCERTS



Remember, remember!

The concerts for Years 3 and 4 take place on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th at 2.45pm in the school playground. The concert for Years 5 and 6 is on Wednesday 16th at 6pm at Blacklands Church and will last about an hour. No tickets are required but donation buckets will be available, with the proceeds going to St. Michael's Hospice.

Remember, remember...

to wear your Christmas jumpers this Friday and donate £1 in aid of Save the Children.!



Coffee Morning

On Thursday 17th at 9.15am, all parents and carers are invited to join Mrs Bolton for an end-of-term coffee and biscuits get-together. Please do come along!

Christmas Dinner

The children and staff all enjoyed a fantastic Christmas dinner on Wednesday. A big thank you to our wonderful dinner ladies and all the kitchen staff from Nourish for their hard work! Here are just some of the photos of the children enjoying their lunch. Many more pictures of all this week's events can be found on our Facebook page.



Morning Surgeries

8.15 - 8.45

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.

Afternoon Surgeries

3.15 - 3.45

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