



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year! I hope that all our families have had a relaxing summer break which I am sure has been filled with lots of visits and activities that your children have enjoyed. As with all September starts, I would like to extend a most warm welcome to our new children and families joining our academy this year. The children have returned today looking incredibly smart; this was wonderful to see and we thank you for preparing them to look so smart for their return. Please remember that a full stock of uniform is held in school which you are able to purchase throughout the year. You must place an order for any out of stock items and pay for them at the time of ordering.

As always, we already have lots of events planned for the autumn term. I have included as many advance warnings of dates for events (including Christmas events!) so that you're able to plan your own diaries. On behalf of all the staff here at the academy, I am looking forward to working with you all, existing and new families, to ensure your children have a happy and fulfilling year at the academy.

Yours sincerely

Mr Adam Clewes
Head Teacher

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

Next week we shall be holding short sessions after school so that you're able to see your child's new learning environment and meet their new teacher. It will also give you a chance to find out more about what's happening in your child's class as information about PE, homework, topics, etc. will all be shared. The 2017/2018 prospectus will be discussed, so please try to attend these valuable information sessions if you can!

Monday September 11th – Reception (3.30-4pm), Year 5 (4pm-5.30pm)

Tuesday September 12th – Year 1 (3.30-4pm), Year 2 (4pm-4.30)

Wednesday, September 13th – Year 3 (3.30-4pm), Year 4 (4pm – 4.30)

Thursday September 14th – Year 6 (3.30-4pm)

All meetings will be held in your child's new classroom.



PROSPECTUS 2017/18

Your child will have your copy of our handbook tomorrow evening; please take the time to read through this as it shares all of the academy aims. You should find most answers to your questions here!



ACHIEVING EVERYDAY



We believe in children being immersed in their learning from day 1! Over the holidays the staff have been preparing exciting and engaging lessons for them to enjoy. Therefore, please ensure your child arrives on time every day and aims for 100% attendance; I was pleased with the silver and gold awards for attendance last term, so let's make it even better this year!

VISITS THIS HALF TERM



There's plenty of visits this half term to really kick-start your child's year. Therefore, please remember if you haven't done so already to make your contribution of £10 for the term during the week, so that visits are able to go ahead. The deadline for payments this term is Friday 15th September 2017. PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT A CLASS VISIT WILL BE CANCELLED IF ALL CHILDREN HAVE NOT PAID AS PER THE INFORMATION SENT OUT IN PREVIOUS LETTERS. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Beginning September 11th – Meet The Teacher sessions

Week Beginning September 18th – After school extra curricular activities begin

Thursday 21st September – International Day of Peace celebration in school

October 20th – INSET Day (Academy closed to children)

October 23rd – 27th Half term – academy reopens: Monday, October 31st

November 6th – Assessment profiles home – to be returned Friday 10th November

November 13th (3.30-5.30pm) & 14th (5.00-7.00pm) – Parents' Evenings

Early Years Performance – Monday December 4th 2017; morning and afternoon performances

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) – Monday 11th December (morning) & Wednesday 13th December (afternoon)

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) – Friday 8th December (afternoon)

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6) – Tuesday 12th December (morning)



HOME SCHOOL PLANNERS

Every child has been given their planner for the new year today. These are designed to help both you and your child – please ensure you sign them weekly. They should be in school every day. If your child loses their planner they cost £5 to replace. More information on what is in the planner will be shared at the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings next week. We hope you find them useful!

PARIS 2018



Please keep up with your payments at the office – more details will be sent home during the term ahead of our January visit which will be here sooner than you think!

Visit Date: Monday January 15th – Friday 19th 2018



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



All clubs start week commencing Monday September 18th – a timetable of clubs taking place will be put on all notice boards around the school. Mrs Slater organises places in clubs and a new brochure to showcase all the exciting extra-curricular activities your child can participate in will be sent home. There are more clubs on offer than ever before, that are sure to be popular; please note that if your child misses two sessions, they will be asked to leave the club and their place given to someone on the waiting list. Please be prompt when collecting your child after a club.