

WHITFIELD VALLEY PRIMARY ACADEMY



NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that everyone had a wonderful half term break; the children have been telling me about some of the things they were up to during their week away from school! Monday night's disco was a huge success with so many magical outfits – I know the judges of 'best dressed' were spoilt for choice. Thank you for taking the time to get all of the children looking so great for this well-loved event. This is one of the busiest terms of the year...Christmas events, parents' evenings and fundraisers all take place between now and the new year. I am looking forward to another successful term and as always, thank you for your support of all we strive to achieve here at the academy.

Yours sincerely

Mr Adam Clewes
Head Teacher



PARENTS' EVENINGS

Monday November 13th 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Tuesday November 14th 5.00pm to 7.00pm



To book an appointment, call into the school office, telephone the office on 234570 or put a note into your child's planner. Appointments are for 10 minutes only. Please do not be offended if the teacher moves on to their next appointment. You like us to keep on time so we will do our very best to make this happen! *Tea and coffee will be available in the main entrance.*



ASSESSMENT PROFILES



Your child's assessment profile will be coming home on Monday and should be returned by Friday November 10th. This is a valuable record of your child's progress and we hope you enjoy looking at their achievements. Please complete the parent comment section. We do value your opinions and would welcome any changes you feel we should make to the books. We hope that these books show you how your child has settled in their new classrooms and give you some information ahead of parents' evening.



PICTURE PERFECT!

Academy Photography will be in school on

TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

This will be for individual school pictures, as well as family/sibling photographs. Further details will be in the notice boards around the playgrounds.



EDUCATIONAL VISITS



We are pleased to continue to offer an array of visits for your child to enjoy.

As you are aware, the deadline for the next £10 contribution is:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH 2017

JOIN OUR ACADEMY – 2018 RECEPTION & NURSERY PLACES

Please note that the system is now open to secure your Reception class place for September 2018. Even if your child is in our nursery now – you still need to apply for their Reception place for next year. If you, or someone you know, would like a Nursery place for September 2018, we will continue to provide full time Nursery, 5 days a week, rather than the standard 15. All applications should be made by visiting:

www.stoke.gov.uk and following the link to School Admissions. Reception applications could be made from October 2nd and Nursery applications start today!

If anyone would like to make arrangements to see the academy in action – appointments can be made at the school office!



PARIS 2017



£25 payments now due – please make your payment at the school office. **Details of our first meeting for this visit coming soon!** Please keep up to date with payments which you can check at the office!

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Early Years Christmas Performances: December 4th (9.30am & 1.45pm), 5th (9.30am) – Nursery and Reception.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances: December 11th (9.30am), 13th (1.45pm)

Key Stage 2 Christmas Performances: December 8th (Years 3 and 4 – 9.30am), December 12th (Years 5 and 6 – 9.30am)

*There will be a crèche facility available at every performance for all preschool children. Places should be booked at the school office before the performance. Please note that children will **NOT** be able to sit in the audience.*

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 20th November and will cost £1.50 each. This ticket doubles up as your raffle ticket so please put your name on the back. The raffle will be drawn after each performance.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE – FRIDAY DECEMBER 1st 2017 – 3.30 to 5.00pm

Our very first Christmas event will be the Christmas Fayre – an event I know is enjoyed by children, parents and staff alike! There will be all of the children's favourite stalls for them to enjoy at this event, so please make a note in your diaries so that you are able to join us and get into the Christmas spirit!

Mrs Slater will be in touch in the coming weeks with further information.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Over the last couple of weeks I have had a number of queries about missing coats, ties, jumpers, etc. etc. Whilst I have been able to get most items back to their owners, it is especially helpful and saves a great deal of time if all items (including coats and lunchboxes!) have your child's name inside. Thank you for helping with this.



NON UNIFORM

Children in Need – Friday November 17th 2017

Children are invited to come to school in fancy dress for a donation of £1 towards this most worthwhile cause. A favourite event of all children each year!

Clothes for Chocolates – Friday November 24th 2017

Children may wear their own clothes in exchange for an item of chocolate ready for the Christmas Fayre.