

WHITFIELD VALLEY PRIMARY ACADEMY



NOVEMBER 2018 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! The disco before half term 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; several year groups have fabulous visits planned and of course all our Christmas events are fast-approaching too! I am looking forward to another successful half 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



ASSESSMENT PROFILES



I hope that you enjoyed reading your child's assessment profile over half term. Please ensure that they are returned to your child's class teacher, if you have not done so today. The profiles are a fabulous record of your child's progress throughout the year and I am sure that you will join me in celebrating all that your child/ren have achieved so far this year.



PICTURE PERFECT!

Please don't forget that photos for individuals and siblings will be taken on Monday November 26th. Please see information in the notice boards if you need any more information.

Children in Need – Friday November 16th 2018

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!



EDUCATIONAL VISITS



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

Year 3 – Toby Carvery – learning about food groups, healthy eating and a dining experience with their friends.

Year 2 – Chill Factor – children will experience what it must be like to live in a chillier climate like the little polar bear in their main text.

Year 5 – Leicester Space Centre – as close to space as we can get them, where they will be discovering all about space and the planets.

Year 4 – Manchester Theatre – to watch a production of Matilda, their main text for this half term

Reception – Snow Dome – based on their text the Gruffalo and Friends where they will experience life in a snowy wood along with many other surprises!

Nursery – Telford Wonderland – a magical visit where children experience all things wintery!

Year 1 – Crewe Lyceum Theatre – to watch Jack & the Beanstalk; a fairytale coming to life

JOIN OUR ACADEMY – 2019 RECEPTION & NURSERY PLACES



Please note that the system is now open to secure your Reception class place for September 2019. 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 2019, 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 November 1st and the closing date is January 15th 2019. Nursery applications can be made from December 3rd and the closing date is January 31st 2019!

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

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE ARRANGEMENTS



Nursery and Reception Christmas Performances: December 11th (9.15am & 1.45pm)

Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performances: December 13th (9.15am & 1.45pm).

Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Performances: December 12th (9.15am & 1.45pm).

Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Performances: December 10th (9.15am & 1.45pm).

*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 Tuesday 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 7th 2018 – 3.15 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!

Any donations of bottles, smellies, gift sets, soft toys etc would be greatly appreciated.

We will be in touch later with further information.

UNIFORM REMINDER

During the last half term I have had a number of queries about missing coats, ties, jumpers, 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

*Chocolates – Friday 30th
November 2018*

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