

WHITFIELD VALLEY PRIMARY ACADEMY



OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers

The start to the new school year has been incredibly busy: there have been visits to Trentham Gardens, Dovedale, Llandudno, Churnet Valley and Chester. It's hard to believe we are only half-way into the new term! Children are continuing to look incredibly smart, so a big thank you to all parents/carers for ensuring they are always looking their very best! This newsletter has details of upcoming events, along with a couple of reminders – please read through carefully. Also detailed below is information about the disco being held on October 22nd and how to make any parents' evening appointments for either Monday 15th October/Tuesday 16th October.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Clewes
Head Teacher



MAGICAL/MYSTICAL DISCO

MONDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2018

5.00-6.30pm – ALL YEAR GROUPS



Tickets will be on sale in the school office from Monday 8th October, at a cost of £1.50 per ticket. All children from Nursery to Year 6 are invited to attend. There will be 3 discos all taking place at the same time: one for Nursery and Reception, one for Year 1 and Year 2 children and one for Years 3 to 6. (*Nursery and Reception will have their disco in the Nursery classroom, Years 1 and 2 in our community room and Years 3 to 6 in the hall.*) Children are welcome to dress in a magical/mystical costume with prizes for the 'best dressed'. The disco is a little earlier this year due to the half term holiday being later, but we know how much the children like to dress-up for the occasion! Sweets and drinks will be on sale throughout the evening; please ensure your child has money with them if they wish to purchase any items.

Children should arrive at their NORMAL school entry points. Teaching staff will collect children in the same way as they do each morning. At the end of the disco, children will be brought back outside for collection in the same way as at the end of the school day. **NO child will be allowed to walk home alone on the evening without a letter provided to their teacher before the night of the disco.** Please ensure that you collect your child PROMPTLY at 6.30pm as the staff need to get home too.

We look forward to seeing all of the children at this exciting event! Thank you.

PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS



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.*

Appointments available from 3.30pm to 6.00pm on Monday 15th AND Tuesday 16th October 2018

PARKING

I have taken numerous calls from residents lately about parking around the school building. Please do not block driveways or use the spaces opposite the school on Oxford Road. These spaces belong to the residents and they are unable to park when it is the start/end of the day.

The safety of all children in our community is the responsibility of us all: keep this in mind when parking.

PARIS 2019

£25 payments now due for October – I have started to book tickets and hotel rooms so it is very important you keep up-to-date with payments. Full payments are required for your child to participate.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 25th – Assessment profiles home – to be returned Tuesday November 6th (first day back after half term)

October 26th – INSET Day – academy closed

October 29th – November 2nd Half term – academy reopens for children: Tuesday, November 6th 2018

Tuesday November 20th – Tickets for Christmas performances are available from the office

Monday November 26th – Academy Photography in school for individual and family pictures

Friday December 7th – 3.30pm – Christmas Fayre

Monday December 10th (9.30am & 1.45pm) Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance

Tuesday December 11th (9.30am & 1.45pm) Reception and Nursery Christmas Performance

Wednesday December 12th (9.30am & 1.45pm) Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance

Thursday December 13th (9.30am & 1.45pm) Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

Friday December 21st – School closes for the Christmas holidays – reopens Monday January 7th



PE KIT

Please remember that your child's PE kit, including a pair of trainers or pumps, **MUST** be in school every day, not just on your child's PE day. The office will contact you for any missing items and ask for them to be brought into school so that your child is able to take part. Also children must not wear earrings for PE, please ensure the school bag is for or with your child on their PE day if they cannot do this themselves.

Some after school activities/club also require PE kit or other kit, please ensure that this is also in school on the right day for the club.



YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

You are now able to apply online for your child's secondary school place (stoke.gov.uk and follow link for 'School Admissions'). **I would encourage you to do this as soon as possible; if you haven't done so already.** This will ensure you do not miss the deadline.

photographs. Further details will be in the notice boards around the playgrounds.