



September 2019

Newsletter



Diary Dates

September 2019

4th	Pupils return to school
4th-6th	Y6 pupils at PGL
13th	Curriculum newsletters sent home
16th	After school clubs begin Y1-6
16th	PGL talk at 3:30
17th & 18th	Y5 and Y6 trip to Snipe Dales
26th	School photographs - siblings to come into the Academy at 8:15 for photographs

Diary Dates

October 2019

8th & 10th	Parents evenings 4pm-7pm
14th - 18th	Challenge Week for KS2 pupils
14th & 15th	Rand Farm residential for Y2 pupils
17th & 18th	Rand Farm residential for Y2 pupils
14th - 18th	Forest school learning
18th	Last day of term
29th	Pupils return to school

Welcome back to the Autumn Term

A warm welcome back to another exciting year at Witham St Hughs Academy. We hope that you had an enjoyable summer break and are ready for the challenges of a new school year. We are very proud of the way pupils have returned to their new classes looking so smart and ready to enjoy a new term of learning. We would like to take this time to welcome our new friends in the Foundation Stage who have made a brilliant start to life at the Academy. We wish them a happy and successful time with us at Witham St Hughs Academy.



PGL

This week also sees our Year 6 pupils embarking on their exciting residential trip to Caythorpe PGL Centre. We are looking forward to hearing all about their exciting adventures, funny stories and friendships built upon their return! As always, we will share a selection of photographs via our Academy Facebook page but many more will have been taken by Academy staff should you wish to see more of their fantastic week.



Staffing

We are delighted to officially welcome new members of staff to Witham St Hughs Academy. As outlined in the letter at the end of the Summer Term, we welcome Miss Hales into Year 2 following a successful year at Manor Farm Academy last year. We also welcome Miss Smyth into Year 4.

We also extended our congratulations to Miss Hufton who is now Mrs Lill following her wedding in the summer. Mrs Lill will be teaching in Year 3 this year.

Reading books

During the first two weeks of term, staff will be working incredibly hard to assess the reading ability of each child in their class and provide appropriate reading books for each child. We appreciate your patience whilst this process is undertaken. Please do continue to read with your child each day using books of your choosing.

Home learning and Curriculum newsletters

Home learning will be sent home for all pupils on Monday 9th September. We will also be sending home curriculum newsletters which will contain an overview of the areas being studied by your child during the Autumn term. As always, information about your child's learning each term is available on the Academy website and regular photographs of the learning that takes place daily is uploaded to our Academy Facebook page.

Assessment Data 2019

We are delighted with the assessment outcomes of our pupils in 2019. We trust that you received this information in the form of a letter at the end of the summer term. We would like to congratulate the pupils, staff and parents on working together to achieve such fantastic outcomes.

Home learning boards

To further support your child with their learning in the Foundation Stage and KS1 'Home Learning Boards' will continue to be placed outside each classroom door at the end of the school day. These boards contain useful information and reminders about the content of your child's day.

Water bottles

Please can we take this opportunity to kindly remind you that water bottles are to be filled with water as opposed to juice whilst pupils are in school. Although pupils can be provided with juice at lunchtimes, we work hard to promote healthy lifestyles and consistency for all children. Additionally, we find juice to be very difficult to clean up if accidentally spilt within the classroom. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Care Plans

Over the next few weeks, all care plans held within the Academy will be reviewed. If your child currently has a care plan, please keep an eye out in your child's book bag for a copy of this plan and a letter explaining how to share any updates with us for this Academic year.

If your child does not currently have a care plan but you feel that this is necessary in order to keep them safe and well at school, please do not hesitate to contact us and we can arrange for a plan to be put in place.

Car Park

You may have noticed the new fencing that has been constructed around the car park over the summer break. This is in place to ensure that all children, parents and carers feel safe when walking to and from the school playground. Pupil surveys in the last Academic year identified the car park as an area in which children felt less safe and we are confident that this change will ensure the safety of pupils. We kindly ask that you respect the route marked out by the fencing, dismount all scooters and bikes at the gate and use the pathways around the carpark that are provided. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Foundation Stage uniform

The Foundation Stage team always gratefully receive any donations of school trousers and shorts, both boys and girls. If you have any spare uniform you wish to donate, please either hand this to the Foundation Stage staff at the door onto the playground or pass this to the school office. As always, your help in this area is greatly appreciated.

Other Newsletters

Following a positive response from parents last academic year in relation to both the safeguarding and safety newsletters, these will continue to be distributed this year. These newsletters contain useful information and resources to support your child in staying safe.

A message to our new parents

Although starting school is an exciting time, we understand that it can also be a little daunting for both parents and pupils. We strive to ensure that starting school is an enjoyable experience and look forward to working with you to achieve this. Please do not hesitate to contact the Academy if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely,



Emily Broadley





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TERM DATES 2019/2020

Term 1 (Autumn 2019)	Wednesday 4th September – Friday 18th October (Staff Training Day: 3 rd September)
Term 2 (Autumn 2019)	Tuesday 29th October – Thursday 19th December
Term 3 (Spring 2020)	Monday 6th January – Thursday 13th February (Staff Training Day: 14 th February)
Term 4 (Spring 2020)	Monday 24th February – Thursday 2nd April (Staff Training Day: 3 rd April)
Term 5 (Summer 2020)	Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May Bank Holidays: Friday 8 th May and Monday 25 th May
Term 6 (Summer 2020)	Monday 1st June – Tuesday 21st July