

## ...Education for Lifelong Learning

### Autumn Term- Dates for your Diary

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
<b>December</b>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	2.30: <i>Foundation Stage Christmas Production – Whoops-A-Daisy Angel</i>
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30: <i>Foundation Stage Christmas Production - Whoops-A-Daisy Angel</i>
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	2.30 <i>Foundation Stage Christmas Production - Whoops-A-Daisy Angel</i>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup></b>	6.30: <i>KS1 Christmas Production – A Twinkly Treetop Tale</i>
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	2.30: <i>KS1 Christmas Production - A Twinkly Treetop Tale</i>
<b>10<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Learning Showcase for KS2 Pupils within the Academy- Details to follow.</i>
<b>17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Forest School Learning for Pupils</i>
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Foundation Stage Christmas Party a.m Y3 Christmas Party p.m</i>
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Y1/2 Christmas Party a.m Y4/5 Christmas Party p.m</i>
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Whole School Christmas Dinner</i>
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Y6 Christmas Party a.m</i>
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>1.15 pm Carol Concert Pupils finish at 2pm</i>
<b>January 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Pupils return to the Academy</i>

\* You are invited to attend these events



### Welcome to the final Newsletter of 2018

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their continued support again throughout 2018. Working together with you to ensure that your child is happy and progressing well, is an important aspect of our school. We would also like to say a special ‘thank you’ to those who have volunteered in school this year – your help has been very much appreciated by the staff team, and also the children who have been helped as a result.

## Reading Challenge



As part of our programme of promoting reading, we would like to ask all children to join the Winter Mini Challenge, which is run by the Reading Agency. **The challenge runs from 1st December to 11th January.** Children need to read and review three books on the Winter Mini Challenge website to earn a certificate and a virtual badge. The website also contains activities, book recommendations and a competition to enter. To enter, create a profile on the Reading Challenge website below:

**<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/signing-in-src>**

### Homework KS1- We Listen to your Views

Following recent feedback regarding topic based homework in KS1, we have altered the format slightly. We have included a multiplication test weekly alongside the choice to complete the topic based homework as and when you wish to, over a term. We hope that this makes a difference to you and your child's home learning routine. Please do come to have a conversation or send an email if you have any further views on this matter.

### Attendance

As promised, the attendance rate for the term so far will be shared with you. This is:

Autumn term so far...	Autumn Term 2017 overall
<b>97.68%</b>	<b>97.2%</b>

This is above last year's rate. Thank you for working so closely with us to support this aspect of Academy life.

## Staffing Changes

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Mrs Smith our Year Three Teaching Assistant will no longer be working with us. We wish her well in her future. We are currently seeking to appoint to this role as soon as possible and we will communicate any new appointments with you.

### The Christmas Productions- Key Stage One and the Foundation Stage

Christmas is approaching and both the pupils and staff are busy preparing for the Christmas Productions in Key Stage One and in the Foundation Stage. KS1 pupils will be performing 'A Twinkly Treetop Tale' and the Foundation Stage pupils will be performing 'Whoops-A-Daisy Angel'.

The Foundation Stage Performances will take place in the 'Immersive Technology Suite' on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December. We are really looking forward to these pupils performing in this magical and intimate setting! These performances are within the school day as we have found that pupils of this age become too tired to cope with an evening performance.

The KS1 performances for pupils in Years One and Two will take place in the School Hall on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### PE, Multi Sports Competitions

Within L.E.A.D Academy Trust, our pupils have been enjoying the opportunity to compete against pupils from Waddington All Saints and Manor Farm Academy. You may have seen the medals and certificates which they came home with as a result of this exciting opportunity. Our pupils said:

*'I loved trying to be faster than people who are not from our school'*

*'I enjoyed meeting new people'*

*'I enjoyed trying new sports and activities'*

Also, our Y6 Sports Captains were a real credit to the Academy as they worked tirelessly to make the mornings a success.

### **Scooters/Bikes in Car Park**

Following a close scrutiny of the car park last week, we would like to remind you that your child needs to walk with their bike or scooter following the paths around the car park. This is for their own safety and the safety of others. Thank you.

### **Experience Days**

This term, our pupils have been fortunate enough to take part in a range of experience days. This has included a Tudor Day for Y4, Y5 & Y6 pupils, a Chocolate day for Y3 pupils, a circus skills day for Y2 and a 'People who help us' day in the Foundation Stage. Immersing our pupils in a hands on experience of this nature makes a difference to longer term learning and we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to you for supporting this aspect of our curriculum and providing so many exciting costumes!

### **Internet safety**

Following our recent letter of communication to our KS2 parents regarding the game 'Fortnite', we would like to thank you for your support with this matter. Some parents have communicated other games which pupils are playing at home, which are also rated beyond the age of 11. As the online world plays such a vital role in our society, we would like to remind you of your responsibility in regulating this activity and checking your child's access to such games. Our only aim is to ensure that our pupils are safe and well at all times as we continue to make this a central feature of our school curriculum.

### **Before School: 8.50**

When your child arrives at school before 8.50, please can you ensure that they remain on the playground and not the field. This is because

pupils have come into the Academy with very muddy shoes or they have the potential to slip on any mud and injure themselves. Additionally, pupils should not be playing with a ball or any other item during this time as again this has the potential to cause an injury to another pupil or parent. Thank you again for your support with this matter.

### **Children in Need**

The School Council members would like to say a huge thank you for dressing up in 'sportswear' for Children in Need. We have raised a fantastic £367.53 as a school and we look forward to proudly donating this money to this worthy cause.

### **Christmas Party Days**

Please see the calendar at the end of the newsletter to check the date for your child's Christmas Party. Children are invited to come to school wearing their party clothes for their party day, even if the party is in the afternoon.

### **Christmas Lunch**

The hot Christmas Lunch day will be on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Orders for lunches have already been placed. For those not wanting hot meals on this day, we are inviting children to come to school with a 'festive pack-up'! Thank you.

### **Christmas Carol Concert:**

On **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, we will be ending the term with our Key Stage 2 Carol Concert. This will take place at **1.15pm** and will be held in the school hall. Everyone welcome!

### **End of Term:**

The last day of term is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. **Please note that the children leave at 2pm.**

### Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards this year, we have a Christmas post box where the children will be able to post their Christmas cards to one another. To help with the accurate and swift delivery of all cards, please can you write the recipient's full name and their class teacher's initials onto the front of the envelope. Thank you in advance.



### Cookery within the Curriculum

Our pupils in Year Three have come to an end of their cookery experiences with a chef. They have enjoyed making chilli, pizza and guacamole. We hope that they have enjoyed discussing this with you.

### Academy Choir

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Choir who sang at the Village Hall at the weekend. They really did the Academy proud. Thank you also to Mrs Duckering who accompanied them and prepared them for this event.



### And Finally....

Finally, we would like to wish you all a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to working with you again in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

*A Griffiths*

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Headteacher

