

# January 2019 Newsletter

## ...Education for Lifelong Learning

### Spring Term- Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
<b>January</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Return to School
9 <sup>th</sup> / 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y1/2 Castle Trip
28 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Roald Dahl Evening ( Details to Follow)
<b>February</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Johnson Y4/5 Class Assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> / 14 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School Author to Visit School
15 <sup>th</sup>	Themed Day with a Planetarium for Y4/5/6 pupils
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	HALF TERM
25 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils Return to School
<b>March</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dads, Lads and Lasses Event 5.30-6.30
5 <sup>th</sup>	I.E.P Reviews for pupils in FS, Y1, Y2, Y3
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y4,5,6 Trip to the Space Centre, Leicester
7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day- Pupils Dress Up
8 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Hickling Y1 Class Assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> / 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evenings 4-7pm (Online Appointment Bookings to follow)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Y4/5/6 Space Centre Leicester Trip

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<b>March</b>	
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Literacy In Action- Timetable to follow
19 <sup>th</sup>	IEP reviews for pupils in Y4/Y5/Y6
25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Showcase FS,Y1,Y2,Y6
25 <sup>th</sup>	Y3,4,5 Production 6.30
26 <sup>th</sup>	Y3,4,5 Production Afternoon Show: Time TBC
26 <sup>th</sup>	Y3,4,5 Production 6.30
<b>April</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School Learning Experiences
5 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils finish at 2pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pupils return to the Academy for the Summer Term

\* You are invited to attend these events



### Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the start of the Spring Term and the New Year! We hope that you all enjoyed your Christmas break and feel refreshed as your child returns to school. We would all like to take this opportunity to wish you a successful and healthy year for 2019.

As we enter the new year, we look forward to the many challenges and opportunities for your child to learn. We look forward to watching them as they further develop resilience, drive and independence along the way.

### **Spring Term Production- KS2**

Following last year's production which involved the pupils in Y3/4 performing independently of the Y5/6 pupils, we received overwhelmingly positive feedback about the format of it. As a result of this, we will be producing a Y3/Y4/Y5 production this year to accommodate the classes in KS2. The Y6 pupils will then be conducting a performance independently during the Summer Term.

### **We welcome your views**

Following a recent review of the Academy reports, we are looking at potentially making some changes. We would like to share some samples with you and have the opportunity to discuss this further. If you are interested in this, please attend a parental forum on **28<sup>th</sup> February 9.10 am.** In addition to this, we will be discussing the format of the homework for our pupils. We would welcome your views in this forum.

### **Results and Achievements**

Thank you for the kind words of support from many of you following the local and national news which was published before the Christmas break. We are very proud that our results in 2018 ensured that we were placed as second in the county according to The Times Newspaper. We are delighted to have achieved this and we continue to work hard to ensure that all of our pupils achieve their best. Thank you for your hard work as parents in making this possible.

We are also delighted to announce that we have achieved a range of awards throughout the previous academic year. This includes; the International Schools Award for our work in linking with other settings internationally, the Eco Award for our contribution to being Eco friendly and finally, we have achieved the Autism Award for our provision in this area.

### **Adverse Weather Reminder**

During adverse weather, details of any closures, should they need to be made, will be communicated directly using our text messaging service and where possible, we will leave a message on the school website. In

addition, closures will also be broadcast on Lincs FM and BBC Radio Lincolnshire as well as on the Lincolnshire County Council snowline webpage. Please let the office know if any of your mobile phone numbers have recently changed. Additionally, the gritting plan for the Academy is published on the School notice board next to the Foundation Stage Playground.

### **Staffing Update**

At the end of the Autumn Term, Miss Webdill took the difficult decision to leave the Academy after a term of teaching our Year 3 pupils. Instead of a supply teacher fulfilling this position, Mrs Broadley alongside Miss Johnson, who is completing her Initial Teacher Training programme, will be teaching the Year 3 pupils. We strive to continue to deliver the highest quality of education for all of our pupils.

### **End of Last Term**

Thank you to all who took part in our Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Y2 productions, and Y3-Y6 Christmas Songs Event, either as performers or spectators. Our children did us proud, producing fantastic performances in all cases.

We would also like to thank you for your generosity in raising money for charity at the end of the performances. Altogether, we raised a staggering total of **£356.67** from the KS1 performances for the Macmillan Cancer charity. In the FS, a total of **£112.73** was raised for 'LIVES'. We would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of all of the pupils and staff.

The School Council would also like to thank you for the 'Christmas Jumper Day' which raised **£319.85** towards the charity 'Save the Children.'

### **Academy Renovation Update**

Over the month of December, you may have seen contractors onsite at the far end for the Academy. The mobile classrooms are being refurbished to ensure that they continue to be fit for purpose in the future. We are looking

forward to this being completed throughout the Spring Term which will enable us to access this additional space again.

We look forward to sharing further updates with you as this progresses.

### **Creative Curriculum**

Our curriculum embraces much more than the academic aspects. Alongside our Philosophy, Enterprise, Health and Life Skills Curriculum, we have worked hard this year to introduce a Forest Schools experience to complement many other areas of the Curriculum. We have also been working hard with your child to complete Life Simulation sessions whereby they learn real skills e.g. how to make a bed, clean their teeth, cook a basic meal etc. We are hoping to enhance the way in which these skills are shared with you so that you can practise them at home with your child too.

### **Achievement Assembly**

As we now have 15 certificates which are presented in the Friday achievement assembly, this involves communicating with potentially 30 parents in total. We have previously relied upon our text messaging service as the method of communication to invite you to this special event. To ensure that you receive this information, we have an accompanying letter with further details on it which you will also receive via email. We really do look forward to this special time each week where you can join us in celebrating the achievements.

### **PE Uniform**

As 'PE and Health' remains a core aspect of our Curriculum, pupils spend at least 2 hours of their week taking part in a sporting activity. We would ask for your support in checking your child's PE clothing so that they are suitably dressed during this time. A number of our pupils appear to have deviated from this policy over time so please can you look at your child's clothing so that we continue to ensure that our high standards of presentation are maintained at all times.

The School policy states that the pupils should be wearing the following items:

- A Plain White T-shirt
- Plain Black Shorts or Jogging Bottoms



The items above should be without a logo or brand. With regards to footwear, outdoor trainers need to be provided for the outdoor PE curriculum.

When it is cold weather, pupils may need to wear jumpers and hoodies. Please can these be a plain black or navy colour, again without logos or additional images.

Please label all clothing as items can unintentionally be swapped when pupils are getting changed for PE lessons. All PE bags should be left in school for the week and taken home for washing on a Friday evening.

Thank you in advance for your support in this area.

### **Reception 2019 Intake**

The closing date for applications is Tuesday, 15 January 2019 for entry to Reception in September 2019. Please make sure all applications are in by this date. You will be able to collect your offer on Tuesday, 16 April 2019. The Academy does not have any input in this process so please contact Lincolnshire County Council for further information. Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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