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Autumn Term- Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Date	Event
October		December	
2 nd & 4 th	Parents Evening : 4pm to 7pm	4 th	2.30: Foundation Stage Christmas Production
15 th -19 th	Challenge Week in School for KS2 pupils	5 th	9.30: Foundation Stage Christmas Production
15 th October	Dads , Lads and Lasses evening 5.30 -6.30 pm.	6 th	2.30 Foundation Stage Christmas Production
17 th , 18 th 19 th	Rand Farm Residential Trip for Y2 pupils.	10 th & 11 th	6.30: KSI Christmas Production
15 th -19 th	Forest School Learning	12 th	2.30: KSI Christmas Production
22-26 th 30 th	Half Term Monday 29 th October – Inset Day for Staff Pupils return to school	10 th - 14 th	Learning Showcase for KS2 Pupils within the Academy- Details to follow.
November		17 th -20 th	Forest School Learning for Pupils
30 th Oct - 2 nd Nov	Maths In Action in which you can come into the Academy to observe maths lessons. Information will follow about booking this.	17 th	Foundation Stage Christmas Party a.m Y3 Christmas Party p.m
7 th and 15 th	Open Mornings for 2019 Reception Pupils	18 th	Y1/2 Christmas Party a.m Y4/5 Christmas Party p.m
12 th – 16 th	Anti Bullying Awareness in the Academy	19 th	Whole School Christmas Dinner
13 th & 14 th	Y4,5,6 trip to Wollaton Hall	20 th	Y6 Christmas Party a.m
20 th	IEP Review Meetings	20 th	1 pm Carol Concert Pupils finish at 2pm
		January 7 th	Pupils return to the Academy

* You are invited to attend these events



Welcome to the October Newsletter

The new academic year has been positive so far and continues to progress well. Our Reception children are increasingly settling into their new school and routines, which is very pleasing to see. The pupils are all enjoying their new topics and they have had many different experiences to support this. We hope that you will enjoy talking to your child about their learning as the term continues.

Earrings During PE Sessions

Given the number of pupils who wear earrings, we have decided to amend our policy. Please see the amendments below:

- It is advisable to have your child's ears pierced at the start of the holidays so that there is no impact upon learning if they become infected etc.
- Plasters may be worn over the earrings for the first 6 weeks during PE, until they are able to be taken out by the child themselves. During this time, plasters must be either put on by the child or they come to school already wearing them. They cannot be supplied by us.
- Our policy states that we only allow one earring in each ear. Multiple earrings will require removal.
- To remind you of the current policy, we only allow stud earrings for safety. No earrings which dangle from the ear or protrude are allowed.

Thank you for supporting us to ensure that your child is safe whilst in our care.

My Book Blog: KS2 Pupils

The children in KS2 are already reading and reviewing books using My Book Blog. To support us further with this, once your child has read their book, please make sure it is returned promptly. As you can appreciate, the cost of replacing lost or damaged books is a significant amount. If you would like to sign up to receive regular parent emails updating you on your child's reading, please follow the link below.

https://mybookblog.org/parent_email_signup/

KS2 Challenge Week

The final week of this half term will be KS2 Challenge Week. The children will be encouraged to develop their perseverance and resilience as they learn new skills. This year's activities will include the climbing wall, First Aid training and workshops with The Happy Puzzle Company. We will also be having a visit from an author of 'Augmented Reality' adventure books. Further details to follow.

Uniform and Attendance Update

Thank you for taking the time to read the email containing the attendance and uniform policies within the Academy. We are really proud to see that our pupils look so fantastically smart in their uniforms this term. Thank you for your continued support in this area. It really does make a significant difference.

Extra- Curricular Clubs

As you will already have seen this term, we have released an overview of the year in relation to extra -curricular clubs. All staff are giving up their time willingly to run at least two clubs for pupils to access. In addition to this we are offering clubs from external providers which require a payment. Following feedback from the parental group discussion last year, we have trialled this approach so that you can view the whole year ahead. We have also benchmarked this offer against similar sized schools in Lincolnshire and struggled to find an equivalent. Please do have a conversation if you have any further suggestions to support this offer. Thank you in advance.

Bringing Items for your Child to the Office

It is completely understandable that there may be items which may be missed when preparing your child for the school day ahead. The frequency of these forgotten items has increased significantly across the school. This is causing many parents to arrive after the day has begun to hand items in to the office staff. As you can appreciate, with a school totalling almost 400 pupils, this is now becoming a significant task ,causing the office staff to take on the role of delivering items to multiple places. This then takes additional time away from the main office. Although we fully understand that items may be misplaced or forgotten on the odd occasion, please can you be mindful to double check whether your child requires their lunchbox, water bottle or PE kit before the day begins. Thank you in advance for your support.

Important: Care Plans/ Medical Conditions

Some of the pupils within our care have allergies or significant medical conditions which require additional treatment, whole school awareness or medication. The parents of these pupils have already been issued with a detailed Care Plan. As a parent of one of these pupils, you should have received the draft copy of a Care Plan and adapted it so that the final copy is now in place. **If you believe that your child has any condition which we need to be aware of,** please ensure that you go to share this information with the office staff. Please do not solely rely on a conversation with your class teacher as this process needs to be recorded more formally. Keeping children safe is our highest priority within the Academy and we thank you for assisting us with this aspect. Thank you.

Nut allergy

In relation to the Care Plans outlined within the previous paragraph, we would like to remind you that the Academy does not allow nuts to be eaten on site. This is because we have some pupils who are highly allergic to them. Please can you consider this when providing a packed lunch or a snack for your child. Thank you in advance.

The Foundation Stage

In accordance with our Healthy Schools Policy, we would like to remind you to send your child to school with water in their water bottle as opposed to juice. We feel that it is important to encourage a healthy mind set from an early age and to ensure that this is consistent across the Academy. Thank you in advance for your support.

Making Appointments

In addition to the class teacher, please can you ensure that you speak to the office staff with regards to appointments during the school day. This is to ensure that your child's absence is recorded correctly on our internal systems. If the absence is of a longer period, this needs to

be submitted in writing with the dates and reasons for the absence. Thank you.

Jumpers

Please ensure that all jumpers are named accurately. If an item of clothing is passed on from one child to another, please can this be renamed as this has caused an issue at times in finding the correct owner.

Parents' Evening

We aim to keep you regularly informed about your child's progress via termly updates – Parents' Evenings in the autumn and spring terms, and end of year reports with follow up meetings as required in the summer term. Outside of these formal times, staff are available to discuss your child's progress with you as the need arises.

The first Parents' Evenings of the new academic year will take place on **Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th October.** Please use the meeting to get answers to any questions you may have regarding how your child has settled into school this year, along with any information you require regarding their academic performance to date.

In addition, the 'Second Hand Uniform Shop' and lost property will be running during Parents Evening. Please ensure that you take the time to look for any lost items.

Attendance

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

Autumn term so far...	Autumn Term 1 2017 overall
98.18%	97.7%

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

Yours sincerely,



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