

Principal's Weekly Newsletter

9th November 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good break and welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. Walking around the academy this week, it has been great to see all the children so eager to learn and enthusiastic about their new class topic. You will receive a class newsletter from your child's teacher before the end of this week so that you have an overview of what your child will be learning this half term.

Staffing

At the end of last term, we appointed Miss Beth Woodhead as our new Behaviour for Learning Manager, and we also appointed Mrs Auveen Twomey (who has already been teaching at the academy for some time now) as Acting Assistant Principal. I'm confident that they will both make an excellent contribution to our team.

Library

During the break, our site team have transformed the ICT area into a new library (and it looks fantastic!). It will take us a few weeks to sort out and organise the existing books around school, but it's going to be a pleasant, quiet space where children can choose books and enjoy reading. We also intend to invest in some new books in the future to encourage the children to read, and to support them with their learning. At times, this area will also be used as a quiet learning space where children can focus on their work if they have been struggling to concentrate in a lesson. We have ordered a new set of laptops to replace the computers which were in the ICT area so that teachers are now able to deliver ICT lessons to a whole class, in any classroom and at any time.

BfL Policy

We have spoken to the KS2 children in assembly this week about the new BfL Policy, and it's been great to see so many children responding enthusiastically to this and making an effort to get Achievement Points in their lessons and around school this week.

School Trips

I have asked teachers this week to consider which school trips they would like to take their classes on this academic year, so hopefully I will be able to let you know about these in next week's newsletter. I'm sure that there will be some exciting things planned for the year ahead. A letter regarding details of the Y6 residential trip will be sent to parents next week.

PE Kits

The new PE kits should hopefully be with us in the next few weeks. In the meantime, if you could just make sure that you send your child with their own kit (e.g. shorts, T-shirt and trainers) which they can wear for PE lessons.

Uniform

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that children should be wearing the correct school uniform every day. Children are not allowed to wear boots or trainers.

Christmas cards

Each child will be given time in school over the next couple of days to make their Christmas cards. Once they have been completed, the printing company should send them back to us within a week or so. We will then send them home for you to place an order should you wish to do so.

Key Dates

15th November - Year 2 (Hawthorn) class assembly at 2.45pm

29th November – Year 3 (Hazel) class assembly at 2.45pm

22nd November – individual school photographs

7th December – PTA Christmas Family Fun Evening (details from PTA to follow)

19th December - Years 1 & 2 Nativity at 2pm

20th December – EYFS Nativity at 2pm

21st December – Years 3 & 4 Nativity at 2pm

21st December – Years 5 & 6 carol concert 6pm-7pm

Kind Regards,

Emma Hanlon

Principal