

Friday 20th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic half term at the Academy; I am so proud of the children! They have all worked hard and their behaviour and conduct has been amazing!

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Yellow Day and our Harvest Festival. We raised £45.43 for Young Minds and we have donated the food to a local food bank.

Diary Dates

Friday 20th October – The Academy closes for half term

Monday 6th November – The Academy re-opens for the second part of the Autumn term

Monday 6th November – Oak Class' visit to the library

Monday 13th November – Odd Sock Day

Monday 13th November - Beech Class' visit to the library

Monday 13th November – Year 3 and 4 to visit Nottingham Castle

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November -Year 5 Bikeability

Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November – Parents' Evenings – see separate letter

Friday 17th November – Children in Need

Tuesday 21st November – Y2 Parents' Evening

Friday 24th November – Aspirations Day (details to follow)

Friday 1st December – INSET Day

W/C Monday 13th May – Year 6 SATs Week

Miss Buxton

I am delighted to tell you that Miss Buxton, our Year 5 Teacher in Beech Class, is getting married in the half term break! I am sure you would all like to join with me to congratulate her and wish her all the very best for married life. After half term, Miss Buxton will be known as Mrs Buxton.

Odd Sock Day

Monday 13th November is the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week and we will be celebrating everyone being different by having an Odd Sock Day. Please send your child to school wearing odd socks that day, we will be looking for lots of bright colours and patterns!

Children in Need

Once again, we will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 17th November. We will be having a non-uniform day and this year's theme will be *Bright and Spotty!* Children can wear their brightest clothes, with something spotty, if possible, please. We are also asking for a donation to Children in Need. Thank you for your support. As well as accepting cash donations on the day we now have the facility for you to make donations via ParentPay (if you would prefer) by using the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12240>



Attendance

Last week, I spoke to the children, in assembly, about our attendance rewards. We are once again holding our attendance raffles and awarding certificates for children with 100% attendance and for children who hit our target of 96% attendance or above. We will also be holding our parent raffles to thank you for your support in ensuring your child has good attendance and is able to make the most of every minute they spend at our Academy. I am sure you will agree that after the disruption over recent years, good attendance is extremely important.

Before School

I have noticed a few children are arriving at school very early in the mornings. I need to remind everyone that children should not arrive on school premises before 8.30am as there is not a member of staff on duty until this time. Thank you.

After School

If a different adult is collecting your child at the end of the school day or after an after school club, please make their class teacher or a member of the office staff aware. Due to safeguarding, we cannot let your child leave school with someone different, without permission. Thank you for your support in this matter, children's safety is a priority.

Year 2 Parents' Open Evening

On Tuesday 21st November, we will be holding an Open Evening for parents of children in year 2 who are interested in a place at our Academy in September. The evening will begin at 4pm with a presentation from myself, followed by a guided tour of the Academy by Pupil Ambassadors. The tour and presentation should last around 45 minutes.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and I am looking forward to seeing the children on Monday 6th November.

Kind regards,
Mrs Marples.
Principal.