

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy two weeks in the Academy, the children are settled in their routines and working hard. They have all enjoyed the Author's visit today. I would like to thank everyone who supported Jeans for Genes Day, we raised an amazing £125!

I would also like to thank everyone who attended our Parents' evenings this week; it was lovely to welcome parents back into the Academy again. If you were unable to attend and would like to speak to your child's Class Teacher, please call the main office to arrange this.

### **MMR and Chicken Pox**

If your child or anyone in your family contracts Mumps, Measles, Rubella or Chicken Pox, please let the Academy Office know immediately as this could have a negative impact on the health of one of our pupils. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, I am sure you will agree that the health and safety of all our children is a priority.

### **Lateness**

I have noticed that a number of children are arriving late in the mornings and are being collected late in the afternoons. School begins at 8.45 so children need to be on the playground, ready to line up, a few minutes before this. If your child arrives after this and classroom doors are closed, they must enter school via the main entrance and speak to Mrs Dove so we can be sure they are registered correctly for the day. Please do not knock-on classroom doors and ask to be let in. School ends at 3pm and all children need collecting at this time (unless they walk home alone). If your child is not collected by 3.15pm, we will charge £2 to your Squid account to help towards childcare costs. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Attendance**

After a poor start this term, I am pleased to say attendance is beginning to improve. I will be talking to the children in assembly, this term, about our attendance rewards. We are hoping to re-introduce our raffles and certificates for children with 100% attendance and for children who hit our target of 96% attendance or above. We will also be re-starting 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 the past two academic years, good attendance is extremely important.

### **Snacks**

As you are aware children are now allowed to purchase snacks at breaktime which are then charged to your child's Squid catering account at 30p a snack.

Could we please ask that you check your child's SQuid catering account to ensure there are sufficient funds to cover these snacks.

Any account in debt will be placed on stop, resulting in the child not being able to purchase snacks or dinners (if not Free School Meals) until paid.

If you have any issues with SQuid please ring or come to the school office for us to assist you.



**Diary Dates**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – Year 3 and 4 visit to The Galleries of Justice

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6 Kingswood Residential

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 5 and 6 visit to Carsington Water

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October** - The Academy closes for half term

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – INSET Day

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – The Academy re-opens for the second part of the Autumn term

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Individual school photographs

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Flu vaccination

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Stay safe and take care of your loved ones. I look forward to seeing the children on Monday.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Marples.  
Principal.