



SKEGBY JUNIOR ACADEMY

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Friday 4th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week at the Academy, the children have settled back into routines after half term and are working hard. We have lots of amazing things planned for this half term and your child's class teacher will be sending you a letter with further details. Please make sure your child attends regularly and arrives on time so they enjoy their learning and make progress.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evenings this week; it was great to see you and hear your positive comments. If you were not able to attend this week, please speak to the office or your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment; this can be either face to face or by telephone.

Aspirations Day

As part of our Careers Education Programme, we will be holding an Aspirations Day again this year. It will be on Friday 11th November. Throughout the day we will be asking the children to focus on the career they would like to follow when they are older. There will be opportunities for the children to explain why they would like to follow a particular career path and what skills they think they will need.

To make the day more purposeful we would like the children to come dressed as the person they want to be when they are older. For example, they may come dressed as a police officer or a nurse or they may wear more formal clothes, if they would like to work in a bank or an office.

Please take a few moments to discuss the above with your child, in preparation for the day.

Also, on this day we are asking for a donation of a raffle or tombola prize for our Christmas Fair.

Odd Sock Day

Monday 14th 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!

Year 2 Parents' Open Evening

On Monday 14th 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.

Book Vending Machine

We now have a book vending machine in school; it is part of our reading rewards scheme. Every child who achieves their ten weeks of reading signatures will receive a token to spend at the book vending machine. Please support your child with their reading at home so we can reward them!



Children in Need

Once again, we will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 18th November. We will be having a non-uniform day and our School Council have decided that the 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. 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=8476>. Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates

Friday 11th November – Aspirations Day

w/c 14th November – Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 14th November – Odd Sock Day

Monday 14th November – Open Evening for Year 2 parents

Thursday 17th November – School Photographs – please note the change of date. A letter will be sent out on Monday.

Friday 18th November - Children in Need Day

Friday 2nd December – Non-uniform day, please bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair.

Thursday 8th December – Christmas Fair – details to follow

Friday 9th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 9th December – Pantomime performance in school

Friday 16th December – Christmas Party

Monday 19th December - Christmas dinner for Years 3 and 4

Tuesday 20th December - Christmas dinner for Years 5 and 6

Wednesday 21st December – The Academy closes for Christmas

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.