



Primary School Newsletter

15 September 2017

Scooters
At the end of last term, we asked all families to take home scooters left. We still had lots left and we don't know which ones belong to families of children who are currently in the school or who have left. Please take a look at the picture below and claim any which belong to you. Anything left by next Friday will be donated to charity. Thank you!



Please accept my apologies for an error in a newsletter at the end of last year for **term dates**. The ones on the website are correct and are reproduced at the end of this newsletter. **Ms Luzmore**

Year 5 and 6 Anti-bullying workshop
On Wednesday Yr 5 and 6 took part in an incredible 'Virtual Reality' anti-bullying workshop. Children were first introduced to the concept of VR by watching a short film using VR glasses giving them a 360 degree view of the environment around them! Needless to say the children absolutely loved this and were then eager to start the actual workshop. Children watched a bullying situation involving many characters and afterwards they discussed the motives of each character involved and how they could prevent bullying behaviours. Yr 5 and 6 demonstrated a very mature and deep knowledge of the issue of bullying and the workshop supervisors were very impressed!
Mr Spencer

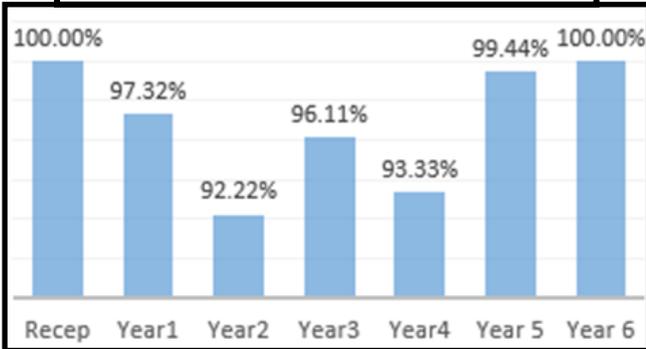
Missing uniform
There have been a few jumpers and other items of uniform mislaid. Please check the labels at home and return anything which is not your child's to the school office. Thank you.

Walking to swimming
If there are any parents who are available to help walk Year 4 and 5 children to swimming lessons on Wednesday morning, please do contact Donna in the office.



Jack seeing another world!

Last week's attendance figures



PTSA Welcome Barbeque
Reminder that next week we will hold our annual barbecue to celebrate the return to school for years 1 to 6 and to welcome the new Reception children and their families. All are welcome. Vouchers will be given to Reception class children. Uniform will be on sale. PTSA will happily accept donations of old uniform in good condition.

Each day the school gathers together for **Collective Worship** or assemblies.

On **Mondays** we have 'celebration assembly'. Teachers choose a few children from the previous week to celebrate with a certificate for particular work, attitude or efforts. We also announce attendance champions (the class with the highest attendance); the class who lined up best; keep up to date with house points; and announce which class has logged onto Athletics most and the mathlete of the week.



On **Tuesdays**, Ms Luzmore or another member of staff will talk about a particular theme which may involve looking at a current news event, a person's life, story etc.

On **Wednesdays**, Mr Allinson, our music teacher, leads the whole school in a singing assembly.

On **Thursdays**, Rev April, our school chaplain, delivers an assembly on a piece of scripture, an inspiring person or particular theme.

On **Fridays**, classes take it in turns to have a church service and in the afternoon there is a rotation of class assemblies.

In addition to these, we will have assemblies where visitors will come and talk to the children. Last year we had a parent present to the children about their work as an air ambulance doctor and we would love to have a few assemblies this year on different careers. Please do speak to Ms Luzmore or Mr Standing if you have any ideas.

Sally from **St Mary's Junior Youth Club** came and spoke to Year 5 and 6 about their exciting clubs held on Tuesday 3.30- 6pm. Leaflets went home with the children if families are interested in children attending.

In Tuesday's assembly, **Ms Luzmore** asked the question 'what is truth?'. We looked at the story of Nathan who had to bravely tell King David an uncomfortable truth, even though Nathan knew it King David may be cross with him. **Rev April** held a service today at the start of the school year to give thanks for our new term.

Fruit tuck

Reception, Year 1 and 2 all get a free piece of fruit every day (provided for by the government). Children in Year 6 also run a fruit tuck sale every day for the older classes. Pieces of fruit are 30p each and available during morning break.



We love fruit!

Staff training

For the next four Fridays, Mr Berridge and Miss Melgarejo will be on phonics training to support the delivery of the programme we use - Sounds Write. We believe in investing in all our staff throughout the year to ensure that we continue to provide high quality education for the pupils.

Look out for club letters which will go out today and return by 10.00am on Tuesday. We have increased the numbers of clubs on offer. There is a slight increase in cost from £2 to £2.50 to reflect the increasing costs of staff. All enrichment activities continue to be heavily subsidised by the Academy. Outstanding club money need to be paid.

Dates for your diary

September

Tues 19 —Year 1 Meet the teacher— 3.40pm
Wed 20 —Year 4 Meet the teacher—3.40pm
Thur 21 —PTSA Welcome BBQ after school
Fri 22 — Year 3 Meet the teacher— 3.40pm
Fri 22 —Jeans for Genes day
Mon 25 —Reception class 'Meet the teacher' - 9am

October

Fri 13 — Individual pupil photos
Tues 17 and Wed 18 — Parents evening
Thur 19 October — Last day of half term for pupils
Fri 20 October — INSET day

Agreed Academy Term Dates 2017-18

Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 Sept 2017	Whole Academy Staff Inset days
Wednesday 6 September	First day of Autumn Term for pupils
Friday 6 October	Secondary Inset Day
Thursday 19 October 2017	Last day of half term
Friday 20 October 2017	Whole Academy Inset Day
20 – 27 October 2017	Half Term
Thursday 21 December 2017	Last day of Autumn Term
22 December 2017 – 2 January 2018	Christmas Holiday
Wednesday 3 January 2018	Whole Academy Inset Day
Thursday 4 January 2018	First day of Spring Term
12 – 16 February 2018	Half Term
Monday 19 February 2018	Primary Inset Day
Thursday 29 March 2018	Last day of Spring Term
Friday 30 March 2018 – Sunday 15 April 2018	Easter Holiday
Monday 16 Apr 2018	First day of Summer Term for pupils
Monday 7 May 2018	May Day Bank Holiday
28 May – 1 June 2018	Half Term
Friday 20 July 2018	Last day of Summer Term
20 July – 31 August 2018	Summer Holiday

Please note that on the final day of each term, the Primary school will end the school day earlier (but after lunch) in line with the rest of the Academy and other local primary schools at 2pm.