

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term – the run up to Christmas! I hope you had a good half term break and that the weather did not spoil it!

I am starting this newsletter a little differently as we have some good news to share. As you know we currently have Mrs Stapenhill and Mrs Graham on maternity leave. Mrs Stapenhill has a lovely new daughter called Chloe and Mrs Graham has a lovely new son called Albert. The further good news is that we have a number of staff who have announced their pregnancy. Miss Carter, Mrs Darbyshire, Miss Willshire, Mrs Lane and Miss Kinahan are all expecting during the Spring Term. Cover is currently being organised for all these posts and we will be in touch with more details. We would like to wish all our expectant mums good luck and we look forward to meeting the new additions to their families.

### Important Dates

6 <sup>th</sup> November	Family Learning Year R Storybooks 9.00-11.30
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> November	RESPECT Week
13 <sup>th</sup> November	School Nurse Yr R – Yr 6 Flu Immunisations
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Family Learning Year R Storybooks 9.00-11.30
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Non Uniform. The theme is SPOTS. £1 donation.
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year R - FB 100 Acre Woods Trip
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year R - FC 100 Acre Wood Trip
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Family Learning Year R Storybooks 9.00-11.30
21 <sup>st</sup> November	1KD – Portsmouth Dockyard Trip
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	1N – Portsmouth Dockyard Trip
25 <sup>th</sup> November	School Nurse Yr R and Yr 6 – Height & Weight
26 <sup>th</sup> November	School Nurse Yr R and Yr 6 – Height & Weight
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Family Learning Year R Storybooks 9.00-11.30
<b>29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	4P Trip to Tech Deck
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Family Learning Year R Storybooks 9.00-11.30
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Evening Performance of We Will Rock You
5 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 Afternoon Performance of We Will Rock You
<b>6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Fair</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> December	4E to Tech Deck
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Family Learning Year R Storybooks 9.00-11.30
11 <sup>th</sup> December	1KD Fort Nelson Trip
12 <sup>th</sup> December	1N Fort Nelson Trip
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Open Afternoon
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performances FB 1N 2F 3B 4E 5B 6C Provision
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance FC 1KD 2S 3G 4P 5T 6CH 6B
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Parties

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20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day school closes at 1.15pm
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	First day back to school

### **Attendance**

Attendance in the first half of the Autumn Term was poor. I know there were a number of bugs around, but there are also the same names cropping up with poor attendance. Mr Needham is following up these cases.

During this week, we will be sending a letter out to all parents/carers letting you know the attendance rate for your child/children. Any child below 90% (in the red category) is considered by the Government to be a Persistent Absentee. The parents of these children are at risk of being fined.

Please ensure that your child is in school every day unless they are genuinely ill. Poor attendance does really impact academic achievement.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform. The colder weather has also arrived so please make sure your child has suitable warm clothing for play times and lunchtimes.

Correct uniform also includes correct PE kit. Please make sure your child has the correct kit. We suggest bringing it in on a Monday and taking it home on a Friday. Some children even leave it in school for the whole half term.

Please make sure that ALL school clothes have your child's name in it. We have a collection of lost property that would not be there if the children had their names on the clothing.

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Your child will bring home a Scholastic Book Club leaflet this week. They offer reduced price books that are suitable for all ages. The school earns 20% from every book ordered from the leaflet. If you wish to order books, please put your money and order form in an envelope marked 'Book Order', hand it in to the Office, ensuring your child's name is on the order. If you buying books as presents and you don't want your child to know about it, put 'Present' on the order and I will contact you to let you know it has arrived.

**I am sorry but we cannot accept cheques or debit card payments.** Please can you send orders in by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Behaviour Review**

I am looking for a group of parents/carers who would like to work with me as we review the academy Behaviour Management System. We are looking at the book written by Paul Dix – 'When the adults change, everything changes' and it is challenging some of our current thoughts and practices. I will be sending out a letter soon, so if you are interested please follow the instructions on the letter.

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