

Academy News

January 2023

It is hard to believe that 2022 is finished and we are already wading into 2023. The children have all been working well as the term has started and the new topics and texts are enjoyed for the first time. Do try to look on Google Classroom for activities to complete at home, as well as homework and daily reading.

It is so important that we all work together to help the children achieve their best—and this starts with home and school supporting each and every child.

Our value this half term is:

Justice
it starts with us

New Build update

The builders have started with the new classroom. The footings are solid concrete pads that will hopefully have the pour completed in the coming days, onto the reinforced metal grids that are inside. Due to the historic monument nature of our site these have all been dug out by hand—rather tricky in the cold!

Staffing News

We welcome some new staff and say goodbye to another familiar face. Ms McGuinness has made the decision to finish working with us and is going to be supporting her family and the business her partner runs. We wish her all the best and thank her for her continued support over the last decade or so.

Miss Barnes has joined us in the Nursery as an apprentice teaching assistant, as has Mr Nicol in Year 3.

Ms Cooper, our deputy head, has also started in school and is teaching the Year 4 class for most of the week, as well as taking on some additional responsibilities. When Ms Cooper is out of class Mrs Girling is working with them—a very familiar face.

We look forward to helping them understand more about the school, the children and the learning, as well as supporting them as they learn about us.

Forest School and PE

It is great that most of the children now come dressed ready for their day. While we do have a few spares of clothing and footwear we do not have the capacity to provide this for so many children every week. When the children have forest school it is important that they have the right footwear—namely welly boots to change into. Equally, wearing appropriate clothes for forest school and PE is also important. It does frequently look like a 'non-uniform' day rather than dressed for PE or outdoor learning. Hot pants, crop tops, short skirts and jeans are not appropriate for PE. Kit should be a tracksuit, top and trainers, with shorts and t-shirt underneath whilst their learning is gymnastics.

All clothing should be non-branded, no logos or non age-appropriate characters or slogans. Ideally, plain black or navy shorts with a white t-shirt.

SEN Open Afternoon

Does your child have difficulties with written English? Finds reading hard with either the phonics or comprehension? It is possible that your child has dyslexic tendencies.

If so, would you like to find out more? If so, please come along to school on Tuesday 7th February where Mrs Girling and Ms Malcolm will welcome you to understand about how dyslexia can present itself and how school works to support the learners who may be dyslexic.

This will be an opportunity to ask questions to a Special Needs Teacher and an Advisory Learning Support Teacher. See dates on the calendar.

We have had some cases of headlice this term already. So please...

Headlice... Once a week Take a peek



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Strike Action

As you may be aware, there are a number of days planned by a teaching union for staff to strike.

I can now confirm that this action will not affect the school and the children and classes will continue as normal. We prioritise the safety, wellbeing and education of your children and feel that this is paramount each and every day.

I hope this gives you reassurance and comfort in this difficult time for the country. We, as staff, appreciate your continued support and respect.

Learning this half term!

Nursery: Topic is Winter, texts are Just Like You, Polar Bear Polar Bear, I love Mummy

Reception: Topic is Space, texts are Goodnight Moon, Whatever Next

Year 1: Topic is Toys, texts are Dogger, Knuffle Bunny, Gorilla

Year 2: Topic is Our World, texts are Lost and Found, Meerkat Mail

Year 3: Topic is Shang Dynasty, text is The Firework Maker's Daughter

Year 4: Topic is Mayans, text is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Year 5: Topic is Space Race, text is Space Race

Year 6: Topic is Victorians and the Railways, text is Street Child

Dates for your diary:

20/01 Chinese New Year Lunch

25/01 Reception Stay and Play

25/01 Year 6 SATS Club

31/01 Reception leading Collective Worship 9am

01/02 Year 6 SATS Club

06/02 Year 1 leading Collective Worship 9am

06/02 Year 6 SATS Club

07/02 School 'Experience' Day

07/02 Dyslexia Open Afternoon 2pm

08/02 Reception Stay and Play

10/02 School closes for half term

20/02 School opens for Spring 2

20/02 New value—Forgiveness

21/02 Year 5 leading Collective Worship 9am

23/02 Rainbow Bright Lunch

28/02 Year 2 leading Collective Worship 9am

02/03 World Book Day

06/03 Parents Evening (3:30-6:50)

07/03 Parents Evening (3:30-5pm)

07/03 Year 6 out to Letton Hall

14/03 Year 4 leading Collective Worship 9am

w/c 20/03 IEP reviews (SEND Parents Evenings)

21/03 Reception Height, Weight, Hearing and Vision

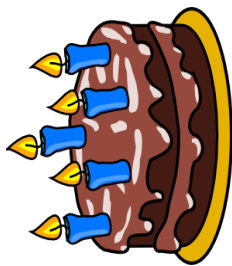
23/03 Reception Café 10am

24/03 Year 2 Café 2pm

Anything in a bold font means that parents/family are welcome to join in.

Birthdays in January

Happy Birthday!



Name	Age
Tianna	11
Teddy	8
Annabelle	4
Alfie	4
Freya	7
Llewella	8
Grace	8
Joseph	7
George	9
Millie	11
Reggie	6
Corban	10
Mila	8
Arthur	5
Harry	3
Poppy	6
Smart	11
Ella	8
Harry	11
Edmond	11
Melissa	11
Edward	8

Birthdays in December

Happy Birthday!

Name	Age
Leina	9
Thomas	11
Kaila	10
Layton	9
Isobel	4
Mason	9
Joshua	7
Ella	8
Lacey	5
Olivia	7
Annabel	6
Louie	8
Emily	10
Thomas	7
Henry	9
Beulah	9
Erin	10
Taylor	7
Thomas	10
Hetty	8
Alice	11
Ethan	7
James	4

