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Academy Newsletter Term 3

I cannot believe we are nearly at the end of term 3 already. The children are working so hard every day, and we are all so proud of them. 😊

School Uniform

Please can the children have the correct uniform for school. We are noticing a great deal of trainers being worn and not adhering to the school policy. If you have any queries of the school uniform requirements it can be found on the website.

PE Kit

Please can **every** year group bring their PE kits in on a **Monday**, and they will come home at the end of the week or after their last PE lesson. We have many children who are not bringing any PE kits to school, and we don't have enough spare kit for them all.

Children's Mental Health

Children's Mental Health Week is coming up from the 5th February 2024. The children will be taking part in activities in class during the week to help them understand the importance of their mental health and how they can look after themselves. There's lots of information online but below are some top tips for families (written by children themselves)

Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- 1 We don't need to have 'one-off conversations about our mental health' – sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- 2 I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- 3 Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling – it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- 4 Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
- 5 Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- 6 Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying – I don't always need answers (or lectures)
- 7 Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me – I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- 8 If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.
- 9 Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age – my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school - because they 'get it'.
- 10 Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.

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CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.UK

Friendship Disco

Friends of School have organised a friendship disco to be held on 8th February. Please can the children bring £1 and hand to their class teacher. KS1 children can bring a change of clothes to wear in named bag on the day. 😊

Luke Temple

We are very excited to share that on 21st February our amazing Friends of School have donated £250 to aid an author visit for the whole school. Luke has worked with the school before in 2022. We will send further details nearer the time, but he will be back on 22nd February for a book signing session.

Breakfast Club

Please be aware that we will stop serving breakfast from 8.20am to allow for the club to tidy up and be ready for the school day. 😊

Parent Pay

Please ensure that you have registered for Parent Pay with your unique password that has been sent to you previously. If you can't find these details, please contact the school office. Thank you to those who have already done this.

Kidz Kitchen

Don't forget that you can order for the whole half term via the Kidz Kitchen website. If you decide to do this weekly, don't forget that they need to be ordered by noon the Thursday before.

Medicine and illness

Please contact the school office everyday if your child is absent for illness. It is also imperative that the children do not bring creams or cough sweets etc and leave these in their bags as other children may find them and have allergies etc.

Music Service

We have been informed that from W/C 26th February, work will begin for the imminent arrival of the Music Service in April. This will mean that the side gate nearest the previous KS1 building will not be in use and part of the car park will be fenced off. The work will take approximately 10 weeks. Thank you in advance for your support in this – it will be a great asset to the community.

World Book Day

This year World Book Day is on 7th March. The children are very welcome to come dressed up as their favourite book character, pyjamas or non-uniform. We would also like them to bring a book they enjoy reading as we will share these stories in reading buddies' sessions throughout the day. 😊

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Dates for your diary!

Friendship Disco – 8th February
End of term – 9th February
Term 4 start date – 19th February
Luke Temple – 21st February
Rhubarb Theatre – 23rd February
Parents Evening – 5th and 6th March

Height and Weight (Rec and Y6) – 7th March

World Book Day – 7th March

Comic Relief – 15th March

Y6 SATS – W/C 13th May

Y1 Phonic Screening – W/C 10th June 2024

Sports Day – 7th June

Back up Sports Day - 14th June

