

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

Wow – I can't believe how quickly the time passes. May I start by saying thank you for all of your support and consideration during the ongoing pandemic. Before half term, Covid cases in the academy were rising but your swift actions meant that by the time we returned after the break, numbers had reduced and our staff and children are well.

It is really important that we keep on top of this and so we do still ask that you use the one-way system around school as you drop off or collect your child. We encourage you to wear face coverings should you wish to do so and please also continue to encourage your children to sanitise before they enter the academy.

If your child is feeling unwell in any way, please do a lateral flow test before you bring them to the academy just to be on the safe side. We are happy to administer any medicines but they must be brought to the academy through the office so that you can complete a permission form.

If cases remain low, we will be able to do all the things that we have planned for this term, this includes inviting you back in to see your children over the Christmas period and a Christmas Fayre.

#### **Safeguarding and online safety**

We have children as young as 6 playing games linked to TV shows such as Squid Games and horror shows such as Chucky. Will you please make sure that you have parental settings on ipads and tablets as many children tell us that they are accessing these programmes on their tablets through You Tube. You Tube Kids is a much safer option for them.

<https://www.youtubekids.com/>

#### **Ofsted**

We are due an inspection this year and we would really value your thoughts about the school. These thoughts can be given straight onto the Ofsted Parent View site:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views/survey/127414>

Parent Questionnaires will be sent out via email later in the year. If you have any thoughts before then, Parent Governors are Mrs. Emma Malbon and Miss. Jade Baldwin. Please feel free to speak to them with any ideas you have to help us improve further.

#### **Clubs**

Clubs this term are to support children who have lost learning in reading due to the pandemic. They are by invite only to ensure that these children can be supported.

**Dates for your diary this term – this is what we intend to do, Covid permitting**

**Please note that visits and parental activities in school will all be confirmed nearer to the date once Covid Risk assessments have been put in place.**

19<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need – wear something silly.

24<sup>th</sup> November – Nursery trip to see Santa at Amerton Farm

25<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Trip to see Santa Amerton Farm

Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Phonics screening and whole academy assessment week

8<sup>th</sup> December – Interim reports out to parents

9<sup>th</sup> December – year 1 to 6 New Vic theatre – Beauty and the Beast

10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas fayre to raise money for the PTA (1:30pm - 3pm)

13<sup>th</sup> December - 10am and 2pm - Early years Nativity

14<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm and 6pm – Y1 and 2 Nativity (ticket entry only, limited numbers)

15<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm and 6pm – Y1 and 2 Nativity (ticket entry only, limited numbers)

16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner

17<sup>th</sup> December – last day of term

There will be further letters to explain all these events (and others we hope to arrange) as we go through the term. Please keep an eye on your emails and Class Dojo.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Wildman