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# **Academy Newsletter**





## Look Who's Staying!!

After watching the ducklings hatch last week, the Academy couldn't bear to let them go so the Academy will be keeping two of them. We do however need some help; if anybody could donate newspaper, shredded paper or chippings it would be much appreciated. The ducklings are yet to be named but will eventually join our chickens in the garden.

#### Academy Attendance:

EYFS – 97.7% Year 1 – 97.3% Year 2 – 98.1% Year 3 – 97.9% Year 4 – 93.1% Year 5 – 90.3% Year 6 – 93.3% Overall Academy Attendance – 95.4% Our aim is 97%

### **EYFS Maths at Home**

The Academy would like to thank all of the parents that attended the EYFS Maths at Home session this week. We hope this session will help you to assist your children at home.



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### **Reminders from the Academy**

#### World Book Day

This year's World Book Day falls on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The effort the children put into dressing as their favourite book character last year was inspirational. Please come and watch the procession. The Academy Office has started planning its joint effort already!!!

#### **Travelling Books**

The Travelling Books visit the Academy once a year with its exciting and varied pop-up bookshop. This year they will be arriving on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February and will stay for one week. Leaflets will be going home with the children next week which include some money off coupons to use for a few books. Every Travelling Books Fair is carefully curated to showcase the best books to engage every type of reader. The shop will be open from 3:30pm in the main hall.

## It's Time for the Annual Spelling Bee!

Class competitions will be held during the week beginning February 5<sup>th</sup>. On each class web page, under the 'Spellings' section, are each year's word list.

The top 3 spellers from each class will be competing in the Grand Final on February 22<sup>nd</sup> in front of the whole Academy.

Parents/Carers are welcome between 11:00am – 12:00pm for the grand final. Practise hard and good luck.



#### Funky Sock Day in support of Mission Together - Friday 9th February

Please bring a £1 donation to wear Funky Socks with your uniform.

On Friday 9th February - Funky Sock Day, each child will be given a collection box to take home and we ask that every day throughout Lent, you donate ONE coin to your box.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on Wednesday 14th February. It lasts for 40 days and is a season of reflection and preparation leading to Easter. As an Academy, we would like every child to use this time to raise money for those less fortunate than ourselves. Mission together focuses on children helping children.

If you donate just 1p a day to your box you will raise 40p which will raise over £80 across the Academy. Imagine if you put just 2p in the box a day, then we will be able to raise over £160. Donation boxes can be returned to the Academy office on, or after Thursday 29th March, when Lent ends.

Thank you for your support.



# **Spring Term Dates**

6 <sup>th</sup> February	Young Voices O2
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 Trip to Botanical Institute
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Liturgy Year 6 followed by 'Maths at Home' session
7 <sup>th</sup> February	3:30pm – 6:00pm Pupil Progress meetings for parents
8 <sup>th</sup> February	4:00pm – 7:00pm Pupil Progress meetings for parents
9th February	Funky Sock Day for Missio
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February - Half Term	
21 <sup>st</sup> February	EYFS and KS1 Disco
21st February	6:00pm Phonics meeting for parents Year 1
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	11:00am – 12:00pm Spelling Bee Final parents welcome
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Liturgy Year 5
1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day
1 <sup>st</sup> March	3:30pm-4:15pm KS1 SATS meeting for parents
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	PTA Tuck Shop
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Liturgy Year 2
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Church Visit
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Assembly
16 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Tuck Shop
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Assembly EYFS
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Dress as an endangered species day
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Easter Mass Year 1
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Passion
29 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Tuck Shop
Last day of term (Stars will be finishing at 4.30	)pm)

# Mrs Rodney and Mr Lindsay's Weekly Challenge

#### Science Challenge

What is the name given to a dangerous series of waves that can be generated in a sea or an ocean by earthquakes, landslides, volcanic eruptions, or explosions? This type of violent wave has a Japanese name.

#### Maths Challenge

If 3600 ÷ 50 is 72, what is 3600 ÷ 25?

#### **English Challenge**

EYFS and Key Stage 1

Can you use the word 'beautiful' in a sentence?

Can you use the word 'elegant' in a sentence?

All challenges are to be completed by Wednesday and will be

checked on Thursday

### Academy Dinners and STARS

All dinners are paid for in advance. Please ensure all balances are cleared before the end of term next Friday

# PTA

The PTA made £331.83 on movie night, many thanks to the PTA and parents that helped on the night.

KS1 ACADEMY DISCO is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February £4 per child, please pay via Schoolcomms.



# **Online Safety**

It has been brought to the Academy's attention that a popular game amongst young children on tablets and phones, called ROBLOX, has some safeguarding issues. This is a +12 year platform.

Roblox has more than 30 million players and allows users to explore virtual worlds in what looks like a lego game. It allows users to have up to 200 online friends. Unfortunately for parents, it appears that a lot of these friends are not really who they say they are. It was advised to parents to check their child's Roblox account and look to see if they have friends that they do not know. It was also advised that parents check their child's in game message inbox to check if they have been receiving inappropriate messages.

It has been reported that naked characters walk around the game and that the characters were doing very adult things. The NSPCC urge parents to have a conversation with their children so they know how to stay safe online.

You can also find more information about keeping your children safe online on the schools web page. Our Online safety policy is also there for your reference.