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## Welcome

I hope you all had a lovely, restful holiday and your children are as excited about the new term as we are. We have started the year with a super Y5 trip to the Leicester Space Centre which the children really enjoyed and I hope we may have some future scientists amongst our pupils now!

Last week, during the INSET day all the teachers went to Waterstones in Birmingham to choose a new class reader for their class. They spent a long time choosing a book that would really engage the children and foster a love of reading. Make sure you ask your child about the new book they are enjoying and why not visit the library this weekend?

I am sure that you are all aware of the exciting plans for September 2018. An all through school really will be a fantastic educational opportunity for the children, not to mention the amazing resources and outdoor space we would gain. We are planning to hold parent meetings on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 9am and 3.30pm so please come along to talk to us then if you have any questions about this.

**Mrs Twort – Head of School**

## Academy Day

Please ensure your child is on time for school every day. Children need to be on the playground no later than 8.40am.

Please remember that the academy day finishes at 3:15pm and children must be collected by this time.

## Contact Information

Please can you ensure that you have provided the academy with your contact details if they have changed. We need an up to date address and telephone number to contact you in case of an emergency.

## Cold Weather

We expect all of our pupils to bring a coat to school every day during these Winter months. The temperature outside is getting close to freezing and a blazer alone will not keep your child warm. The blazers are not waterproof either, so if your child gets caught in the rain, they will be sitting in wet clothes all day.

Please ensure children have a warm jacket to play outside in the playground. A hat, scarf and a pair of gloves are also ideal in this weather.

## Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January. If you have any questions or concerns before then please remember that you can speak to your child's class teacher at any time.

## Staff Visit to Waterstones



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> January, staff had a lovely time visiting Waterstones. Staff purchased lots of wonderfully written books to read to their classes this term. They then discussed their choice and why they thought their class would enjoy it. We hope this enthusiasm for reading will impact on the children and encourage a real love for reading across the academy.

## Space Centre Educational Visit



Year 5 went on an educational visit on Wednesday 10th January. They went to visit the Space Centre in Leicester to support their unit on Earth and Space. The National Space Centre is a museum and educational resource covering the fields of space science and astronomy.

With six interactive galleries, the UK's largest planetarium, unique 3D Simulator Experience and the iconic 42m high Rocket Tower, the award-winning National Space Centre was an out of this world experience! The pupils were absolutely fantastic and their behaviour was outstanding.

The visit was very successful and the pupils had a wonderful time.

## Safeguarding

If you have any questions or concerns please have a look at our newly updated safeguarding information on the academy website.

You can find this under policies on the home page [www.arkchamberlain.org](http://www.arkchamberlain.org).

## Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2018 is almost here! It will take place on Tuesday 6th February 2017 with the theme of "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you".

All pupils within the academy are taught the SMART rules of e-safety.

## Children's Mental Health Week 2018



We will be talking to children about Mental Health, with the important message of talking to someone when they feel upset/worried or anxious.

Mental health problems can affect how a person feels, thinks or behaves. Around one in four people in Britain and about one in ten children and young people suffer from mental health problems (that's about three in every classroom).

For more information please go to the Place 2 Be website.

## Dates for Your Diary

- 15<sup>th</sup> January – Class Assembly – III Warwick
- 17<sup>th</sup> January – Class Assembly – VI Warwick
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Year V Reading Workshops for parents
- 24<sup>th</sup> January – Year VI Sats Workshop for Parents
- 25<sup>th</sup> January – Parents Evening
- 26<sup>th</sup> January – Year V Reading Workshops for Parents
- 29<sup>th</sup> January – Class Assembly – IV Cambridge
- 31<sup>st</sup> January – Class Assembly – VI Oxford
- 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Half term week
- 1<sup>st</sup> March – World Book Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Julia Golding Author Visit
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – Class Assembly – III Cambridge
- 7<sup>th</sup> March – Class Assembly – V York
- 16<sup>th</sup> March – Staff Training Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> March – Travelling Book Fair
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – 13<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays