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Welcome

It has been another busy few weeks in the academy and I have been very impressed with how hard the children have been working when I have been visiting classrooms. All of our teachers have high expectations of what the pupils can achieve and we expect our pupils to have high expectations of themselves too. The start of the day is really important so please ensure your children have a healthy breakfast at home (or come along to our breakfast club from 8am) and arrive on time. The bell rings at 8.40am and all children need to be on the playground at this time.

Ark Chamberlain staff had a very informative e-safety twilight session last week. This will help us to develop how we teach our children to be safe online and we will be running parent workshops about keeping your children safe online too.

There was a fantastic turn out for Parents Evening yesterday. Thank you to all parents who attended; if you were unable to make it please ensure you make a follow up meeting with your child's class teacher as they will give you valuable information about your child's progress this term.

Our proposed amalgamation meetings were well attended last week and there are further letters going out this week. If you have any questions please come along to my Head's Coffee Morning on Wednesday - it would be lovely to see you for coffee, cake and a chat or at the Parents' drop in 2.30 p.m. – 3.15 p.m. or ask your child's class teacher.

Mrs Twort – Head of School

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe on the internet is incredibly important, it can be a very dangerous place for our children. Digital Parenting is a great website produced by Vodafone and is aimed at teachers and parents. On the website, you can find lots of advice

to make internet use and a range of apps/games safer for all.

There is a link on our academy website or you can type in www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting.

Parent Pay Workshop for Parents



We will be offering parents/carers the opportunity to attend Parent Pay workshops on a Thursday from 3.30 – 4.30pm. They will take place every fortnight starting on Thursday 1st February 2018 to 22nd March 2018.

These workshops aim to support parents/carers in creating Parent Pay accounts so that you will be able to pay for school meals, lost books and educational visits online.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Academy.

Marvellous Me



Marvellous Me is an exciting app that tells you about the wonderful things that your child is learning, and pings you when they've been praised for good work or a great character skill.

It makes you smile, feel proud, and inspires better home learning support and encouragement.

Get Started. It's free!

1. Download the MarvellousMe parent app, or join up at www.marvellousme.com
2. Tap 'Sign Up'
3. Enter the join code provided by your child's teacher.

4. Enter your name and email, and make up a password.

Tips

- Invite partners, grandparents and carers to join up too.
- Tap 'Settings' and then choose 'Share your app.'
- Send a Hi5 back every time you get wonderful news.
- Add more children by tapping 'Add child'. Then enter their join code.
- See term dates and go to the academy's web site by tapping the icons on the home screen.
- Get help and watch the parent video at www.marvellousme.com

Year V Reading Workshops for Parents



In the week beginning 22nd January 2018, Year 5 invited parents into the academy for a reading workshop. Teachers shared a range of ways in which children are encouraged

to read in school including the use of Lexia and library time. The importance of reading skills was stressed by asking children and parents where and when they may use their reading skills. It was agreed that reading is an essential part of day to day life and parents were informed about the purpose of the workshop.

Parents were introduced to Read Write Inc and participated in part of a year 5 reading lesson. The teacher demonstrated the strategies staff use in reading lessons and parents were then offered the opportunity to try this themselves with their children at the workshop. The teacher highlighted the importance of reading in context and clarifying vocabulary.

At the end of the workshop, the teachers shared key strategies that could be used at home to assist their children with their reading progress. Parents were given the opportunity to ask teachers any questions or share what they were already doing at home. The workshop lasted almost an hour and feedback was collected from parents.

After School Clubs

The following after school clubs will take place this term.

- Monday – Year 3 Pyramid Club, Girls Multi-Sports, Netball, Into Film Club – Years 3 and 4, Year 3 Reading Club
- Tuesday – Fitness Club, Year 4 Reading Club, Year 5 & 6 Football
- Wednesday – Gymnastics, Tag Rugby, Year 4 Pyramid Club, Year 5 Reading Club
- Thursday – Dodgeball, Science Club, Year 3 & 4 Football

The clubs will start at 3.30 p.m. and finish at 4.30 p.m.

Please note that club places are limited and pupils will only be accepted into the club when we have received a signed letter from the parent/guardian.

Dates for Your Diary

- 29th January – Class Assembly – IV Cambridge
- 31st January – Class Assembly – VI Oxford
- 31st January - 09:00 – 10:00 - Head's coffee morning
- 31st January - 14:30 – 15:00 - Amalgamation proposal - Parents' drop in session
- 1st February – Parent Pay workshop - 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.
- 15th February – Parent Pay Workshop – 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.
- 19th – 23rd February – Half term week
- 1st March – World Book Day
- 2nd March – Julia Golding Author Visit
- 5th March – Class Assembly – III Cambridge
- 7th March – Class Assembly – V York
- 8th March – Parent Pay Workshop – 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.
- 16th March – Staff Training Day
- 19th March – Travelling Book Fair
- 22nd March – Parent Pay workshop – 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.
- 30th March – 13th April – Easter Holidays