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Welcome

This week has been busy at the academy again. On Tuesday, we were visited by a theatre company called Loudmouth. Years V and VI took part in a workshop about keeping themselves safe. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and it made them think about how to stay safe.

We have also had two fantastic class assemblies recently, IV Cambridge did a wonderful assembly on Chinese New Year, I really enjoyed watching them. VI Oxford shared a poem about refugees in their class assembly. This is part of Year VI's topic and will be followed up by a visit from the Red Cross who will be running a workshop regarding refugees on 26th February 2018.

Year III are really excited about their trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery next week on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February 2018 for all Year VI.

We have many exciting things planned for World Book Day which is on 1st March, this includes a visit from the famous author Julia Golding. Please look out for further information regarding World Book Day in letters home and on our website. We all know the importance of reading and reading for pleasure is such an important life skill.

Please remember that we break up next Friday for the half term holiday and are back in the academy on Monday 26th February 2018.

Mrs Twort – Head of School

Attendance

Please ensure children come to school every day.

“It doesn't matter if absences are authorised or unauthorised. They all represent lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity to learn”.

Safeguarding

Please ensure any devices you have at home (computer, phone, tablet) are safe for children to use. To protect your child from inappropriate content, you will need to set up restrictions.

- Go to Settings > General > Restrictions.

To turn restrictions on, tap the slider next to the app or feature.

You can also set age ratings

- Go to Settings > General > Restrictions > allowed content

You can then select age ratings for films, TV, websites, books and apps.

NSPCC parental controls is a brilliant website which goes through how to protect children on a range of devices step by step. There is also a link to this website on our safeguarding page 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.

Academy Dinners – Packed Lunch Rules



As you are aware we are very keen for all our children to become healthier. As part of this, we have rules for those children bringing a packed

lunch. These are listed below in order to help you provide a healthy lunch for your child(ren).

Packed lunches should always include:

- At least one portion of fruit or vegetables every day

- Starchy food every day for energy and concentration e.g. any bread, wrap, chapatti, pasta, noodles, potatoes
- Meat, fish or another source of non-diary protein e.g. eggs, lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus

And/Or:

- Dairy food e.g. milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard

Drinks:

- Water & milk will be provided by the school - DO NOT SEND ANY OTHER DRINKS.

Snacks:

Only one snack is allowed daily e.g.:

- One small cake or
- One biscuit or
- One small bag of crisps or
- One chocolate spread or jam sandwich

Packed lunches should not include:

- High sugar and fat snacks such as chocolate bars, chocolate coated biscuits, sweets.
- Chewing gum and fizzy drinks are NOT ALLOWED at any time (e.g. clubs, trips, boosters etc.)

There will be random spot checks of lunch boxes. Children with inadequate lunches will be given a school meal at the cost of £2.25 which parents will have to pay.

Parent Pay Workshops

We are offering parents/carers the opportunity to attend Parent Pay workshops. These workshops will take place every fortnight on a Thursday from 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

The next workshop will take place on Thursday 15th February 2018. It will start at 3.30 p.m. and finish at 4.30 p.m.

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.

Julia Golding Visit

Julia Golding, the award winning children's author, will be coming to our academy on Friday 2nd March 2018. This visit has been organised to encourage pupils to develop their reading skills.

She will be conducting separate assemblies with lower and upper phase. She will also be interviewed by the Library Monitors and on Ark Radio.

Later on in the afternoon, pupils will have an opportunity to purchase a signed Julia Golding book. These books are priced at £5.

She will also be conducting a Creative Writing Workshop with a group of pupils.

Dates for Your Diary

- 15th February – Parent Pay Workshop – 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.
- 15th – 16th February – Year III trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
- 19th – 23rd February – Half term week
- 26th February – Year VI – Refugee Workshops – Red Cross
- 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.
- 14th March – Year III - Animal Man Visit
- 16th March – Staff Training Day
- 19th March – 26th March - Travelling Book Fair
- 22nd March – Parent Pay workshop – 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.
- 30th March – 13th April – Easter Holidays