

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely INSET day. We have had a brilliant day on INSET sessions as a trust and have gained lots of great learning that we can't wait to put into practice.

Just a few points for your attention ahead of our last week of term:

### **End of the day**

We want to maximise the amount of time that the children are in school for and with the pick up working so well and parents exiting the playground so promptly I feel that we can shorten the pick up times. So, from Monday 2nd November we are going to start pick up times from 3:10pm and the times will be staggered as follows. As always, if you are picking up siblings you can of course pick up all children at any of your children's pick up times. Do remember that this is a soft finish and you are free to pick up between these times. Please just be aware that if everyone turns up at the same time, you will have to queue, so please do try to observe the recommended times.

Reception and Y1 - 3.10pm

Y2 and Y3 - 3.20pm

Y4 and Y5 - 3:30pm

### **Horizons**

We are so excited to announce that our iPads have arrived and we will be starting the mammoth roll out programme next week! This will be staggered across the academy week and we will have the support of IT services to get all of the children logged on and active on the network. We will be taking time to explain expectations to children and teaching them how to access some of the features to train them up for using these eventually as a learning tool in the classroom. All being well, and providing everything goes to plan, the children will be bringing their iPads and cases home next Friday. We will send out a FAQ document on that day so that you can become familiar with expectations. Please do make sure you have completed the parent user agreement as we will not be able to send children home with their device until this is received by Oasis. The office will begin making phone calls next week to chase these up if we haven't received them already.

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

Thank you so much for being so supportive in not rushing to book breakfast and after school club if you didn't need it. This has meant that our families who have needed the provision most urgently have been able to secure spaces. We're pleased to let you know that we now have more available spaces so please do book in advance, pay as you book, then come and join us!

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### **Website**

Thank you for your wonderful feedback on the year group pages on our website - they've been so well received and the children have loved exploring them with you - searching for activities and looking at homework, reading about what learning has happened and looking at study guides. This is a great resource which is a shift in how we are working - but an important step to take as we move on with the Horizons initiative. Just a reminder to you all - if there is any homework set by your year group it will be on the website in the homework section of your year group page and will be clearly marked with the relevant date. We are moving away from sending home paper sheets. Please have a look at the homework and if it is spellings or tables, please practice these in a notebook at home. If you need a spare exercise book to do this in please let the academy office know and we can arrange this for you. We want to move away from sending home over 330 sheets of paper each week, especially now that all of our families will be getting digital access to resources. This is such an exciting move and we thank you so much for fully embracing it with us!

### **Coats and Shoes**

Please remember warm coats and water resistant shoes as the colder and wetter weather comes - it's so important that the children still get some fresh air even if it is wet and cold.

Have a wonderful weekend and we can't wait to welcome you back on Monday for our exciting Horizons Launch next week!

Kindest regards

Clare