

25 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4

A very warm welcome back to academy life – whether that is remotely or in person – as we enter the second half of the Spring Term. We all hope that you enjoyed a good recharge and rest over the half term break if you were able to. The term has really got off to an energetic start with lots of great learning this week. Please do try and encourage your children to engage with as much learning as possible over the next two weeks. Units of learning starting this week will span the term - and so will be continued when the children return to us in Monday 8th March. The children really will be in the best position to get the most from learning if they're involved with the curriculum content over the next two weeks. Please do let us know if there is anything we can do to help you with this – almost there – almost at the end!

Monday 8th March

We are ridiculously excited to be able to invite the children back on Monday 8th March (I know lots of you are equally as excited – maybe for different reasons 😊) – and we sincerely hope this will be the last time we are going through this as we look to a brighter picture ahead. We will of course be in touch with more details as we carefully plan for a full school again. There will be extensive risk assessing procedures to work through (these begin tomorrow) – but at the moment we can let you know that we will be planning to reopen the academy to all children for full days and full weeks from the 8th. I anticipate that we will return to a system which is very similar (possibly identical) to the system that was in place before the Christmas break. So for now, plan for an 8.30-8.45 drop off, and a 3.15-3.30 pick up – and we will give you the additional details required as we plan them out.

Science Week

On the first week back, our Science Leader Miss Lyons is planning some exciting learning which will involve some junk modelling. Please could you save up your clean/washed if appropriate bits of recycling for your child to bring into school at the start of that week. Nothing too big please – all in a carrier bag if possible so that we can put it into a big storage box to be left for 72 hours so that it is then safe to use. Just to reiterate – please do make sure that all items are clean and safe to use. We look forward to seeing what is going to be created!

World Book Day

As you might know, World Book Day falls next week, before we all return to school. Reading is SO important to us that we are going to postpone this day to Thursday 18th March at Marksbury Road. We will then be able to celebrate this special day with our classes being together in their bubbles with their teachers to really make the most of the day. This will also give you time to plan out any costumes you might want to wear on this day... Remember, this is always optional!

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Vending machine

We had a very exciting delivery arrive at the academy today! We have purchased a vending machine to go in the academy office entrance. It will not contain crisps, drinks and chocolate – but will instead have books in it! These will be released using tokens that the children will be able to earn once they return! We are so excited about this – and we know the children will be too. See the photos below of our exciting new arrival!

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon – just two more weeks of being apart!

Again, huge thanks for your ongoing support and for the many treats and thank you cards that so many of you have been sending us. It's all very much appreciated.

Yours,

Clare

