



18th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last week of Autumn 1 is already here and we've had a brilliant start to the academic year. The children have settled so well into their new classes and are working so hard with all of the new approaches that our new curriculum is expecting of them. Both staff and children have been on a huge learning curve this term and everyone is looking forward to a very well deserved rest! Just a few points below for your reference for this last week of term and for Autumn 2.

Inset day and return date

Just a quick reminder that Friday 22nd October (this Friday) is an Oasis Community Learning National Training Day. Therefore, staff will be at the academy engaging in training sessions but the academy will not be open for children to attend. Please do check the website regularly to ensure you are up to date with INSET days for the rest of the year. We really look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 1st November by 8:45am. You will have noticed that the gates now get locked promptly at 8:45am to ensure that our attendance records are accurate and any arrivals after this time will get a late mark.

Dare to be different day

Please see attached the poster from the PTFA advertising our dare to be different day – this is a day where within reason, anything goes! The PTFA have been hit hard by COVID restrictions and fundraising for the academy has been on hold – so please do give generously to support this day of fun where we can have a great start to the end of term and celebrate everyone being different!

Parents Evenings

As communicated before, Parent Evening will be held on the 3rd and 4th of November which is the first week back after half term. Please look out for appointment information coming through to you from the academy office

KS2 children being dismissed from classes

Thank you for your feedback on this – as you can imagine this is a difficult situation to manage when we have half of the school located in classrooms upstairs – and would be much easier if all classrooms opened out onto the playground on one floor. It is obviously not possible for all teachers to bring their classes down to the playground to be dismissed but after half term teachers from one year group will bring children down to be dismissed from the MUGA on a rota so that parents get to see the class teacher from time to time. We will send the rota out to you once the new term has started.

iPads in and charged every day

As Autumn 2 starts, please make sure that you get your children in to good habits charging their iPads each evening and having it in school each day. Even when the children are working in their books in school, they now photograph their work and upload it onto Showbie which is their workflow app. If the children don't have it in school this obviously hinders their ability to engage fully in learning.

Year 6 applications for secondary schools

A little reminder that Year 6 applications for secondary schools need to be completed by midnight on Sunday 31st October. The application should be submitted online on the Bristol.gov.uk website – you'll find the link you need in the school admissions section.

Christmas Week

Christmas Dinner (we like to be organised when it comes to food!) will take place on Wednesday 8th December and then all other Christmas events will take place in the final week of term which is week beginning Monday 13th December. The following events will take place on the following days with specific timings to follow in due course:

Tues 14th Dec – Reception Nativity

Wed 15th Dec – Year 1, 2 Christmas performance

Wed 15th Dec – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Carol Concert – evening outdoor performance

Fri 17th Dec – Year 6 Ukulele performance for Y6 parents and carers only

Wishing you all a very happy half term – and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 1st November.

Warmest wishes,

Clare