

8th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to attend parent meetings last week. I know there were a few number of parents who struggled to log in to the iPads at home to make the calls and we are ensuring that anyone who had a technical difficulty is contacted. You will of course understand that we can't re-run meetings for anyone who forgot or decided not to attend as we have to carefully map the amount of time these meetings take alongside staff workload in other areas. We are hopeful that our next meetings will be held in person but thank you so much for understanding the decision to keep these meeting remote for all of the children who do have an iPad. The virus is still at large, and numbers in Bristol are startling. If we invite parents in, parents are of course at risk of meeting with one teacher, but we certainly have a duty to the safety and wellbeing of our staff who could be meeting with up to 60 parents, therefore leaving them more vulnerable to exposure.

Here are just a few reminders and items for your information for the coming weeks:

Fruit snacks for KS2

As you are aware the children in Reception and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) have daily fruit snacks provided by the academy as part of the government scheme. This stops at the end of Year 2 but we do encourage KS2 children to bring in a piece of fruit or a vegetable snack from home if they would like to. They can also bring plain crackers or cheese.

Meeting KS2 (Years 3-6) Teachers

As outlined in one of my newsletters before half term, we are arranging for one class to be dismissed form the MUGA each day so that parents get to see teachers in the same way that our classrooms downstairs enable. Just so you are aware of when you'll be able to see your child's class teacher in the flesh, you'll see a timetable for the days this week. Then during the course of this week we will send out a longer term timetable mapping out MUGA collections up until the Christmas break.

On the following days, these classes can be collected form the MUGA:

Mon 8 th Nov	Zephaniah Class – Miss Redfern
Tue 9 th Nov	Rauf Class – Mrs Thomas
Wed 10 th Nov	Dahl Class – Miss Foster
Thu 11 th Nov	Mackesy Class – Miss Stevens
Fri 12 th Nov	Jeffers Class – Mr Ginns

Mock SATs Week

Our first cohort of Year 6 children will be going through their first mock SATs week this week. The process we will be following is as close to the real thing they will experience in May as we can make it. This is crucial so that the children are fully aware of what will happen when they get to their assessment week and as a result can focus their best efforts not doing their best rather than feeling nervous. As a result of this there will be some disruptions to normal school activities from Monday to Thursday and we thank you in advance for your understanding. I'll be talking to the children about this in assembly today too. We wish our super Year 6s (Austen Class) the vest of luck next week and we know that the assessment outcomes will provide us with key information on how to best support them for the rest of this year.

Breakfast Club

If your child is booked into Breakfast Club, please do make sure that they are in by 8:15am if you want them to have breakfast with Geri and Sarah. This means there is time for them to eat and clear up. We know that some of you use breakfast club purely for childcare and don't want your children to have breakfast, but if you're requiring food please make sure you are in time. The small hall is used at 8:30am for the start of learning time and it's important that children are heading to their classes promptly at 8:30am. Thanks so much for your understanding.

Reminder of Christmas performance dates with times to follow

Reception – Tuesday 14th December (during academy day)

Years 1 and 2 – Wednesday 15th December (during academy day)

Years 3 4 5 and 6 – Wednesday 15th December (after academy day)

Wishing you all the best!

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