

Principal's Greeting



Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday is finally here after a very busy week at the academy! We've had a great day today—as well as holding multi-coloured clothes day to support Children in Need, the children also wore odd socks to show their support for Anti-bullying Day. Thank you to Miss McCulloch for organising this great day—please ask the children what they talked about today and what activities they worked on—the theme was RESPECT.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who took the time to attend Parents Evening last week—there was a real buzz around the academy with children showing their work and great conversations taking place about learning. If you didn't get around to seeing your child's teacher last week, we will do everything that we can to ensure a meeting can happen at a time that is convenient to your child's teacher. Please have a chat to them if you'd like to see them at a convenient time.

Christmas is approaching quickly—and there are lovely Christmas songs now being heard in the Key Stage 1 corridor... there really is no better place to work than a primary school on the lead up to Christmas! We are very excited to be taking part in the Bedminster Lantern Parade again this December and it has been lovely to welcome Alan back to the academy this week as he has helped Year 1 prepare their large lantern. Thank you to the PTFA for helping us fund this (quite expensive) project and a huge thank you to the parents who have volunteered this week and helped Year 1 make their lantern. It looks amazing!! We hope to see you at the parade on Saturday 8th December.

An just one request—please please please can you make sure that the academy hold three contact numbers for you and your family and these must be numbers that we can actually reach you on. here have been a few circumstances recently where we have struggled to make contact with a family in an emergency.

Have a relaxing weekend,



Dates for your diary...

- Wed 21st Nov—Poetry Slam
- Fri 30th Nov—PTFA Christmas Discos
5.30—6.30 (Reception/Year 1)
6:45—7:45 (Year 2 / Year 3)
- Thu 6th Dec—Maths with Parents session
3pm (Years 1, 2 and 3 patents only)
- Sat 8th Dec—Bedminster Lantern Parade
- Thu 13th Dec—Academy RE Day
- Thu 13th Dec—Principal's Questions and Answers Session
- Fri 14th Dec—Christmas Jumper and Christmas Crafts Day
- Mon 17th Dec (10am and 2pm) - Reception Nativity
- Tue 18th Dec (10am and 2pm) - Year 1 and 2 Carol Concert
- Wed 19th Dec - (10am) - Year 3 Showtime Spectacular
- Wed 19th Dec— End of term

In memory of Lou

Many parents have asked if they can make a donation towards something for Harrison after losing his Mummy during half term. As a staff we are arranging something for Harrison, but as so many parents and carers have expressed an interest in also contributing to something, I'm going to open a donations box in the academy office. If you would like to give something then please just drop this off at the office. So many parents have expressed such kindness and concern for Harrison—it makes us realise how special it is to belong to the Marksbury Family.

Children in Need

Thank you for all of your donations towards our Children in Need fundraising Day! At a first count we have raised £196.93! Thank you for your ongoing support for our chosen charities.

PTFA Christmas Disco Tickets

PTFA Christmas Party tickets are selling quickly! Remember to collect yours from the academy office as soon as you can! The parties will be on Friday 30th November from 5:30 -6:30 for Reception and Year 1, and 6:45-7:45 for Years 2 and 3. We look forward to seeing your children there! The last day for ticket purchases will be Friday 23rd November.

Breakfast and After School Club

Your MUST book your children in for these clubs. With two members of staff, spaces are limited as we must comply with adult to child ratios. We now have 210 children at the academy and if booking start to exceed 20ish then we can look to recruit more staff to accommodate more children. It is very difficult to manage this if we don't know who is coming. You can either book online or fill in a paper booking form and hand it in at the academy office.

Midday Supervisor

Following Erica leaving us, we are now able to go to advert for a new midday supervisor early next week. For details on how to apply, please see our academy website from Monday.

Lost Property

We now have two huge boxes of Lost Property in the academy entrance hall—over the next week we are going to be going through this and returning any labelled items to their owners, while any unlabelled items will either be donated to our pre-loved shop or given to charity. Within the next week please come and check that you are not on the brink of losing anything that you want!

Contact us anytime...



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