

26th October 2018

Principal's Greeting



Dear Parents/Carers,

Finally half term is here! We know that the children and staff are all looking forward to a well deserved rest after a very long and busy term—we have had eight weeks of great learning and lots of exciting things going on!

This week has been a fabulous culmination of their term's learning. Year 1 shared their Model Village project with their parents, and Year 2 put on a fabulous 'healthy café' as their end of project finale. Reception have enjoyed a spooky end to term with some brilliant hands on learning experiences around Halloween and they also had their parents and carers in to share a special story time session this afternoon before receiving their free books to take home. Year 3 put together a wonderful mix of items to perform to both the academy and to their parents and carers this week for their end of project circus show—there was some beautiful writing, dancing, circus tricks a-plenty and some fantastic singing too! A huge thank you to anyone who came in to help with any of these events and a thank you also to all who came along to share in the celebrations of learning! What a great end to a super term!

We delivered the food bank donations to 'Refresh' in East Street today. Talulah, John and Lola were chosen to take the donations by Mrs Paterson who recognised these three Year 3 children for showing kindness and compassion this term. They found out about how the food bank works, they helped to stack the cupboards and they asked some great questions so that they could share the information with the rest of the academy in assembly this afternoon.

It's with a heavy heart that we have said goodbye to Erica, one of our midday supervisors today. Erica is leaving us to go and work in a nurse—both the staff and the children will miss her very much and we wish her the best of luck for her next journey. Have a great half term everyone!



Dates for your diary...

Mon 5th Nov—'Bonfire Night' enrichment day

Tues 6th and Wed 7th Nov—Parents Evening Appointments

Fri 9th Nov—INSPIRE Day—Celebration of Peace

Fri 16th Nov—Anti bullying Day

Wed 21st Nov—Poetry Slam

Fri 30th Nov—PTFA Christmas Discos

Sat 8th Dec—Bedminster Lantern Parade

ADVANCED NOTICE for Christmas

Monday 17th Dec (10am and 2pm) - Reception Nativity

Tuesday 18th Dec (10am and 2pm)- Year 1 and 2 Carol Concert

Wednesday 19th Dec - (10am) - Year 3 Showtime Spectacular

Maths with Parents

Maths with Parents is a great programme that we have subscribed to. It links with our Maths Mastery curriculum and provides handy tips and games which help parents understand how we teach maths and offers opportunities to consolidate learning that has happened in school.

Please join up at www.mathswithparents.com

Click 'log in' then 'new parent' and enter the following codes to sign up!

CC- 345015 DD- 953085

EE-533018 FF- 986809

Dahl Class—138345

Calpol/Ibuprofen

A point from the long attendance letter that was sent out last week—please remember that you can bring calpol or ibuprofen into school if your child is feeling a little under the weather—just sign this in at the academy office by filling in a medicine form.

RE

Our curriculum for RE is organised on an annual rotation—each year group studies a different religion and they explore different themes of the religions each term. This term the children have learned all about 'Special Books' in the following religions.

Year 1—Christianity*Year 2—Judhaism*Year 3—Islam

Reception cover different religions and festivals as part of the EYFS curriculum

Poetry Slam

On 21st November we will be holding our own poetry slam—each class will be competing against each other in performing their poem to the rest of the academy and we will have an official judging panel too! Your child will be bringing home their poem tonight. Please can you practise this with your child over the half term so that teachers can then work on putting the performance together after half term. We cant wait to have a great celebration of poetry on this special day!

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