

NEWSTEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY



FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe that it's February already; the children have made a great start to 2017 and are all enjoying their new topics! We are fast approaching half term and this month's newsletter contains lots of information about upcoming events at the academy. Please read through so that you're up-to-date with everything that's happening.

The children have really enjoyed their new activity afternoons – the feedback has been fantastic from the children and the school council, so we are pleased this change is suiting everybody!

In the March Newsletter I will share details of planned Easter celebrations in school towards the end of the term!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Helen Stocking
Head teacher

SOCIAL NETWORKING

Social networking sites are a great way of keeping in touch with all of your family and friends, but can I please remind you how important it is that you do not put anything about the academy, any members of staff or photographs of other people's children online.

These rules are in place in order to keep everybody safe and to respect everybody's right to privacy, so please make sure that you follow these.



PARKING

If you're using the academy car park in the morning or at the end of the day, please keep your children by your side. It's really busy on the car park and keeping your children with you will ensure an extra set of eyes are looking out for other moving vehicles!



DISNEYLAND ADVENTURE 2017!



The final visit meeting will be on Tuesday February 28th at 3.30pm.
Children can come along to this meeting.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO JOIN MRS SHACKMAN FOR...

- Tuesday, February 7th – E- Safety coffee morning
- Thursday, February 9th – **Nursery parents'** invited to join Mrs Lindop to find out more about helping your child with reading
- Wednesday, February 15th – **Year 3 to Year 6** – coffee and information about helping with English
- Thursday, March 16th – **Key Stage 2 parents /carers** – join Mrs Smith for a Science workshop



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!



Remember, gates open at 8.45 and doors at 8.55 for a 9am sharp start!

Our attendance team have been monitoring lateness; this is getting better, but with your support we can improve EVEN MORE! 9am is the start of valuable learning time, so please be punctual, it'll help your child achieve all that they can!

So far this year we have been fortunate enough to avoid too much snow! We haven't needed to close the school and during the snow 2 weeks ago all staff made it into the building. Please note that as the school was open, *if your child did not attend, this is an unauthorised absence*. In the event of snow we will continue to operate the text system so that you know as early as possible what is happening; texts to say we were open were sent at around 7am!

INFORMING THE OFFICE OF ANY ABSENCES

Please can we remind you that you need to phone the school office before 9.30am to report any children that are absent from school on that day.

The school number is 01782 235490.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday 16th February – Valentines Disco

Following your feedback that it was too dark to see the children out following the Halloween disco, we will now hold the Valentine's disco on Thursday February 16th during the afternoon. If your child would like to come to school in their own red/valentines themed clothing for the day, they can do so for just £1!

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book on this day! We can't wait to see the different characters who come to school for the day!



Monday 13th March – Parents' Evening (3.30 to 5pm)

Tuesday 14th March -Parents' Evening (5pm to 7pm)

Appointments can be booked from Monday 27th February at the school office!

Thursday 23rd March – SEND coffee morning

If you think your child may be in need of a little extra support, or you would like to find out more about the support your child receives, please come along and speak to Miss Gallagher or Mrs Simanwe

Monday 20th-Friday 24th HALF TERM BREAK

Monday April 10th – Friday April 21st EASTER HOLIDAYS