

INSPIRATIONAL LEARNING ACADEMIES TRUST



NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to November.

It was lovely to see so many children enjoying the Halloween/Mystical disco last night. We look forward to many more events like this as the Christmas season approaches.

This month sees the first parent's evenings of the year. The dates are Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th November 2023. Both face to face and online teams appointments are available. If you wish to book an appointment, please contact the school office or pop a note in your child's diary. Appointments are from 3.30pm and the last one is 5.20pm on Monday and these are face to face. On Tuesday appointments are mostly face to face with a few online appointments, the times are the same.

We have also included the dates for the Christmas performances. We intend to provide a crèche service for younger children not attending school. Please note that only adults will be able to watch the live performances to ensure we are able to allow for maximum parents and grandparents to watch. There will be a limit to crèche numbers so please ensure you pre book a place. There will be no availability on the day.

The newsletter is packed full of dates and other information. Please enjoy.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Helen Stocking Miss Suzanne Rawlings
Executive Head Teacher Head Teacher

CHILDREN IN NEED 2023

We shall be taking part in this charity event which will be held on Friday 17th November 2023. The theme this year is "SPOTACULAR"!

Children can add spots to their uniform or create their own spotty outfit to wear for the day – the choice is theirs. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT A WEAR A FOOTBALL SHIRT TO SCHOOL DAY.

Please send your £1.00 donation to school with your child on the day



PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS FOR AUTUMN TERM 2023

Monday 13th November - Face to Face in person appointments will be held in the school hall commencing at 3.30pm with the last appointment being at 5.20pm.

Tuesday 14th November – Face to Face and Online appointments will be held commencing at 3.30pm with the last appointment being at 5.20pm.

To make an appointment to see your child's teacher for either day please drop in, telephone or put a note in your child's diary. Details for each site are as follows:

Newstead – 01782 235490

Norton le Moors – 01782 234792

Whitfield Valley – 01782 234570

Appointments can be made from Tuesday 7th November.



THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2023

The outdoor Christmas market returns!!!!

The Christmas Market will take place at each school on **Friday 1st December from 3.30pm to 5pm**

There will be lots of stalls to visit and games to take part in. We shall also have Santa at the market.

We shall be holding a **non-uniform day on Friday 24th November** in return for a **chocolate donation**. All of the chocolate donations will be entered into the Chocolate Tombola at the market.

Don't forget it is outside, so wrap up warm.

Please note: there will be no toilet facilities available.



Parking

There will always be ongoing issues with parking at any school. We are very lucky at all 3 of our sites as they all have some parking. There are many schools that have no parking for parents. Please be mindful when parking on or around school. There have been complaints of some parents parking across driveways, some parents parking in disabled spots, some cars squeezing between staff cars where there is no space at Newstead and the list goes on. **WE DO NOT HAVE THE MANPOWER TO POLICE THE CARPARK**, please help each other.

If you drive your child to school, please help us by parking sensibly. Remember everyone is in a rush – its not just you!

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 2023

TICKET SALES

Tickets will sold on the following days for each different Key Stage at £2.50 each, **2 tickets per child will be guaranteed.**

Monday 13th November 2023- Upper Key Stage 2 performance (Year 5 and Year 6)

Tuesday 14th November 2023 - Early Years Foundation Stage performance (Nursery and Reception)

Wednesday 15th November 2023 - Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)

Thursday 16th November 2023 - Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4)

Friday 17th November 2023 - Any year group ticket can be purchased within the 2 tickets per child allocation.

From Monday 20th November 2023, the school office will sell additional tickets depending on availability.

All tickets are numbered and you can choose where you would like to sit on the seating plan at the school office. Please either visit the school office or telephone to arrange and choose your seats.

Please keep your ticket and bring it along with you as proof of your seat and then pop it into the raffle which will be drawn at the end of each performance.

CRECHE FACILITY

We are intending on providing a crèche for preschool children at all of our Christmas performances.

YOU MUST PRE BOOK A SPACE.

We shall not be able to provide a place for any children not pre booked in. This is because of staffing ratio requirements for preschool children.

Please also note that no under 18 children will be allowed into the performance. **REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR CRECHE SPACE WHEN YOU PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TO AVOID DISSAPOINTMENT.**

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DATES 2023

NEWSTEAD

Monday 4th December - Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) at 9.15am
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) at 10.45am
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) at 1.30pm

Tuesday 5th December - Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) at 9.15am
EYFS (Nursery and Reception) at 10.45am
Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) at 1.30pm

Wednesday 6th December - Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) at 1.30pm

Thursday 7th December - EYFS (Nursery and Reception) at 1.30pm

NORTON LE MOORS

Tuesday 5th December - Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) at 9.15am
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) at 10.45am
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) at 1.30pm

Wednesday 6th December - Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) at 9.15am
EYFS (Nursery and Reception) at 10.45am
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) at 1.30pm

Thursday 7th December - Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) at 1.30pm

Monday 11th December - EYFS (Nursery and Reception) at 1.30pm

WHITFIELD VALLEY

Monday 4th December - - Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) at 9.15am
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) at 10.45am
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) at 1.30pm

Wednesday 6th December - Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) at 9.15am
EYFS (Nursery and Reception) at 10.45am
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) at 1.30pm

Monday 11th December - EYFS (Nursery and Reception) at 1.30pm

Tuesday 12th December - Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) at 1.30pm

Wednesday 13th December - Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) at 1.30pm



THE SCHOOL DAY

(For Reception to Year 6 only - Nursery hours will be 9am to 3pm)

These changes are from Monday 8th January 2024. They provide your child with 32.5 hours of education.

8:45am - 9:15am	Individual personalised activities
9:15am - 10:15am	Mathematics/ Number
10:15am - 10:35am	Break time (Nursery to Year 6)
10:35am - 10:50am	Phonics/ Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG)
10:50am - 11:50am	English/ Literacy 'For the love of reading'
11:50am - 12:00pm	Reading intervention
12:00pm - 13:00pm	Lunchtime (Nursery to Year 6)
13:00pm - 15:00pm	Geography, History, Science, PE, music, Spanish, Art, Design and Technology, Computing, RE, PSHE
15:00pm - 15:15pm	Story time
15:15pm - 15:20pm	Getting ready for home
15:20pm	Parent's to collect from the class collection point
15:20pm - 16:20pm	After School clubs (Please see the brochure for days/ times)
16:20pm	After club - Parent's to collect from the class collection point

School Term dates

Autumn Term 2 **Monday 6th November 2023 - INSET DAY**

Children start on **Tuesday 7th November 2023**

Last day of the Autumn Term is **Friday 22nd December 2023**

First day of the Spring Term is **Monday 8th January 2024**

Last day of the Spring Term 1 is **Thursday 8th February 2024**

First day of Spring Term 2 is **Monday 19th February 2024**

Last day of Spring Term 2 is **Friday 22nd March 2024**

First day of Summer Term 1 is **Monday 8th April 2024**

Last day of Summer Term 1 is **Friday 24th May 2024**

Summer Term 2 is **Monday 3rd June 2024 - INSET DAY**

Children start on **Tuesday 4th June 2024**

Last day of the Summer Term 2 (academic year 2023/24) is **Friday 19th July 2024**

School Holiday dates

25/12/2024 - 05/01/2024

09/02/2024 - 16/02/2024

25/03/2024 - 05/04/2024

06/05/2024 - Bank Holiday

27/05/2024 - 03/06/2024

