



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year! We have lots of new children and families joining our academy this year and we extend a very warm welcome to you all. The children have returned today looking incredibly smart; this was wonderful to see and we thank you for preparing them to look so smart for their return. Please remember that a full stock of uniform is held in school which you are able to purchase throughout the year.

As you know, we like to 'hit the ground running' and there are already lots of events planned for the Autumn term. I have included lots of dates, with some advance warnings (including Christmas events!) so that you're able to plan your own diaries. On behalf of all the staff here at the academy, I look forward to working with you and your child over the coming year. If there's anything we can help you with, please let us know. Above all else, I hope your child has a fantastic start to their new class and thoroughly enjoys the topics and opportunities awaiting them!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Helen Stocking
Head Teacher

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

Next week we shall be holding short sessions after school so that you're able to see your child's new learning environment and meet their new teacher. It will also give you a chance to find out more about what's happening in your child's class as information about PE, homework, topics, etc. will all be shared. The 2016/2017 prospectus will be handed out to you at these sessions throughout the week, so please try to come along if you can make it:

Monday September 12th – Year 5 (3.30-4pm)

Tuesday September 13th – Year 3 (3.30-4pm), Year 4 (4pm-4.30)

Wednesday, September 14th – Year 1 (3.30-4pm), Year 2 (4pm – 4.30)

Thursday September 15th – Reception (3.30-4pm), Year 6 (4pm – 4.30)

All meetings will be held in your child's new classroom.



SEPTEMBER SKIERS, TENNIS

PLAYERS AND HORSE RIDERS

Friday 16th September – Year 6

Friday 23rd September – Year 5

Friday 30th – September Year 4



NEW BUILD UPDATE

During the Summer I have met with the architects and they have now submitted their final plans to the council. As far as I know we are still on target to complete the new build by September 2017. As soon as I get the plans I will share them with you. On a positive note – the plans have increased the size of the hall!!

ATTENDANCE

At the end of last year, Y1AB celebrated the highest attendance in the building with a free visit to Tittesworth Reservoir; the sun was shining and the children cooled down with a delicious ice cream. We plan to reward the best attending class at the end of this coming year. Children will know how their class is doing each week from our celebration assembly. Every day counts – our target this year is 97.4%. We continue to work this year with our EWO to support you as necessary to ensure children are in school each and every day. Please see Mrs Lloyd if you require support.

PARIS 2016

£20 payments now due, please remember all payments must be kept up to date. The date for Newstead children is Monday 6th March to Friday 10th March 2016

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 3rd – 3:30 to 5pm – Art Exhibition of children’s work in the hall (Details to follow)

October 21st – INSET Day – academy closed

October 24th – 28th Half term – academy reopens: Monday, October 31st

October 31st – Magical Mystical Disco 5.30pm to 7pm –

November 14th & 15th – Parents’ Evenings – 3.30 to 5.30pm

December 2nd – Christmas Fayre

Early Years Christmas Performances: December 6th (afternoon), 7th (one morning, one afternoon) – Nursery and Rec.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances: December 12th (afternoon), 14th (morning)

Key Stage 2 Christmas Performances: December 9th (Years 3 and 4 – afternoon), 13th (Years 5 and 6 – afternoon)

December 15th - Awards morning

HOME SCHOOL PLANNERS

Every child has been given their planner for the new year today. These are designed to help both you and your child – please ensure you sign them weekly. They should be in school every day. If your child loses their planner they cost £5 to replace. More information on what is in the planner will be shared at the ‘Meet the Teacher’ meetings next week. We hope you find them

WELCOME...

In addition to the new families joining our academy, we also welcome; Miss Suzanne Rawlings as our new Senior Assistant Head Teacher based in Year 6, Mr Lewis Sadler as the teacher in Year 2 LS and Miss Catherine Stocking as the teacher in Year 4. We also welcome Miss Sarah ODonnell, Early Years Practitioner based in Reception SS.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs start week commencing Monday September 19th – a timetable of clubs taking place will be put on all notice boards around the school. Mrs Shackman organises places in clubs. Sheets will be sent home to you on Thursday so that your child can make their decisions; please return into school by Friday and you’ll be notified which club(s) your child has a place in by Tuesday September 13th. There are more clubs on offer than ever before, that are sure to be popular; please note that if your child misses two sessions, they will be asked to leave the club and their place given to someone on the waiting list. Please be prompt when collecting your child after a club.

