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Message from the Principal:

Welcome back everyone and welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year! Where did those six weeks go? It has been a real pleasure to welcome back the children and to see their smiling faces on the gates each morning. There have been many smiling parents and carers too! It has also been lovely to greet the new parents, carers and children into our Nursery and Reception classes. The children have made me immensely proud in how well they have settled back into the school routines and as always are so eager and excited to learn. We have such lovely, kind, resilient and caring children here at the academy and every day they give me a reason to smile proudly. As always, we have lots of exciting things planned this term alongside our regular rewards for the children who embody the school motto of "Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up!" Please make sure that you have access to Dojo for regular updates on school life. As always, don't hesitate to contact me or catch me on the gates if you need anything.



Attendance

Each week, we celebrate the classes with the best attendance and they win a big breakfast on a Friday. After each term, children with 100% attendance across the year enjoy a breakfast with Mrs Mills and members of their family. Attending school each day is vital to your child's education. See the attendance ladder below that shows the time a child misses from school depending on their attendance percentage.

Attendance Ladder



Message from Vice Principal:

Wow what a fantastic start to the new academic year we have had. It was wonderful to see all the children arrive back to school looking so smart in their uniforms and eager to learn. A big well done to all the new Nursery and Reception children that have started with us this term. They have all settled so well. I am so proud of the way the children have been able to show great independence by finding their new classrooms and leaving their parents/cares with super smiles. Teachers have some fantastic learning planned for this half term. Please make sure you are attached to Dojo so you can see what your child has been learning and keep up to date with any messages from your child's class teacher.



Message from Assistant Principal:

What a wonderful start to the academic year we have had! The children look very smart in their new uniforms and are demonstrating an eagerness to learn, impressing their new class teachers. New units have begun as we are working a little differently this year to fully immerse the children in their learning, helping them to know more and remember more. All termly overviews can be found on class pages on our website. It is an absolute pleasure visiting the children in their classrooms daily and seeing the learning that is taking place. I am looking forward to all of the plans that we have this year—it will be another fantastic one as always! Please keep in touch with your child's class teacher on Dojo and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact them or myself.



Important Dates

Friday 23rd September 2022
Scooter Skills—Year 2

Friday 30th September 2022
MacMillan Coffee Morning

Wednesday 12th October 2022
Year 5 Bikeability

Thursday 13th October 2022
Year 5 Bikeability

Friday 14th October
Christmas cards due in
Magic Homework completed

Friday 21st October 2022
Academy closes for half term

Monday 31st October 2022
Academy opens

Our Curriculum

Here is a list of the units being covered in each year group this half term:

Nursery	Here's Where my Story Begins
Reception	Planes, Trains and Automobiles
Year 1	How can we group animals? How have toys changed?
Year 2	How do you know something is alive? How has technology changed?
Year 3	Stone Age to Iron Age How do systems inside our body work to make a healthy human?
Year 4	What is electricity? Design & Technology—torches
Year 5	Design & Technology—Pop up books What is the solar system?
Year 6	What is classification? Crime and punishment

Hopes, Dreams and Aspirations Programme and Theme of the Week

Through our weekly assemblies, the children will focus on different themes and key celebrations. This half term the themes are:

- Welcome back
- Being me in the world
- Roald Dahl Day
- Queen Elizabeth II
- Recycle Week
- National Fitness Day
- European Day of Languages
- Black History Month
- World Teachers Day
- Poetry week



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After School Clubs

The children came home last week with the list of clubs that we will be running this half term. We will soon be commencing Year 6 Boosters by invite. We still have places available. If you have any questions regarding clubs or would like to put your child's name on the list, please contact the school office.



Magic Homework

Magic Homework has been given out to the children—apologies that our homework books have not arrived yet. This is due to supplier issues. Homework will be due in on Friday 14th October. Homework has also been added to Class Dojo for you to access. The homework is also linked to the behaviour for learning treat at the end of the half term too. By completing the homework, children will earn extra points to gain the treat, but if homework isn't completed, this could affect the children's scores. If you have any difficulty in supporting your child to complete their homework, please speak to your child's class teacher and we can ensure your child has the support they need. Children will need to bring their homework to school each week so that their progress towards the target points can be monitored.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a fantastic way to find out about what your children have been doing at school. It means that you can keep in contact with your child's class teacher and be kept up to date with any information you may need. If you have difficulty connecting to Class Dojo, please contact the school office who will ensure you're supported in getting connected. Please engage with the posts you see on Class Dojo as it is lovely to read your comments.



Reading/Bug Club

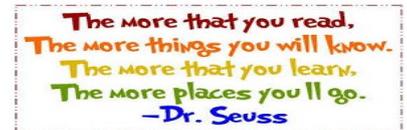
It is our aim to ensure our children have a passion for reading. Our expectation is that children read at home at least four times a week and bring their planners to school each day. Reading can be a mixture of their home reading books, Bug Club and texts of their choice. All children in the academy have access to Bug Club and their usernames and passwords can be found in their planners. If you have any difficulty accessing Bug Club, please speak to your child's class teacher and we can get this resolved.



Please sign your child's planner each time they read as they will get a raffle ticket on a Friday if they have read four or more times.

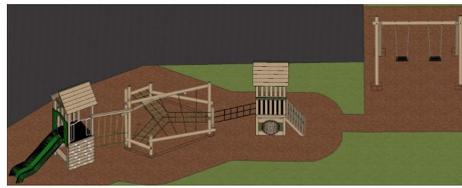
Each week, the children have the opportunity to win a book or a bookmark, and at the end of each term, they have the chance to win a book of their choice and they have hot chocolate and cake with Mrs Mills.

Each fortnight, the children will be able to visit our Reading Zone and choose a book to bring home to enjoy with their family.



Coming soon!

Our Key Stage One yard will be under construction. Plans have been finalised for new equipment to be built. There will be a climbing frame, swings and a slide. Keep your eyes peeled for the construction to begin.



PE

Here is a reminder of the days your child/ren have PE.



Nursery—Friday
Reception— Monday
Year 1— Monday
Year 2— Thursday
Year 3— Tuesday
Year 4— Wednesday
Year 5— Tuesday (Swimming or PE)
Year 6—Friday



Just a reminder that PE kits include plain black jogging bottoms, shorts or leggings, purple Mill Hill t-shirt, plain black or purple jumper/tracksuit top (no logos) or the Mill Hill fleece and trainers.

Rewards

Behaviour for learning rewards will be continuing this year! We have lots of plans to make it as exciting as last year for everyone. To ensure that children are able to enjoy the treat, they need to engage in lessons, work hard, complete homework, read at home regularly, show respect and manners and generally be the best they can be. Our first treat will take place before October half term - the spooky wood will be returning - so please encourage your children to 'Work Hard, Dream Big and Never Give Up!'



Foundation Stage

A huge welcome to all of the children who have joined us this academic year in Nursery and Reception. The children are settling in well and have been having lots of great fun. They are all learning the routines and expectations. Thank you the reception parents and carers who joined us for our recent phonics information session. We will be running more information sessions for parents throughout the year. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Hulme, who will be more than happy to support you. Reception kick started their topic in the first week back with a visit from an incredible truck that they all got the chance to sit in.

