



# SKEGBY JUNIOR ACADEMY

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Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy half term at the Academy; the children have worked hard and made lots of progress. I would like to thank everyone who donated food to support our Harvest Festival, last week and everyone who has donated a bottle, today, towards our Christmas Fair. I would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Yellow Day, we raised £77.26 for Young Minds.

## Diary Dates

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – The Academy closes, to children, for half term

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – INSET Day

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – INSET Day

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – The Academy re-opens, to children, for the second part of the Autumn term

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – Well-Being Day

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Y5/6 visit to Twycross Zoo

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Odd Sock Day

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents' Evenings (details to follow)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need (details to follow)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – Y2 Parents' Evening

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Aspirations Day (details to follow)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Bring a raffle or tombola prize

## Well-Being Days

At the beginning of every half term, we will now be having a *Well-Being Day*. This is an enhancement day, with the aim of improving our children's mental health and well-being. Our first one is planned for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and the day will include every child taking part in a class session of UV Disco Dodgeball. For this reason, all children will need to come to school in their PE kit that day.

## Staff Changes

Ms Hultum will be returning to the Academy after half term and will, once again be teaching Forest School and covering classes during teacher's PPA.

As you are aware, Miss Nagelsztajn is also Deputy Principal and SENCO, as well as one of the Class Teachers in Willow Class. This means she has lots of responsibilities, as well as teaching her class. This often results in her being unable to fulfil her teaching commitment on Thursdays and Fridays. For this reason, Mrs Little will be Willow's Class Teacher on Thursdays and Fridays, after half term. Miss Nagelsztajn will then have the capacity to further support all children every day.

## Before School

I have noticed a few children are arriving at school very early in the mornings. I need to remind everyone that children should not arrive on school premises before 8.30am as there is not a member of staff on duty until this time. Thank you.

## Odd Sock Day

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November is the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week and we will be celebrating everyone being different by having an Odd Sock Day. Please send your child to school wearing odd socks that day, we will be looking for lots of bright colours and patterns!

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**Attendance**

I have recently spoken to the children, in assembly, about our attendance rewards. We are once again holding our attendance raffles and awarding certificates for children with 100% attendance and for children who hit our target of 96% attendance or above. We will also be holding our parent raffles to thank you for your support in ensuring your child has good attendance and is able to make the most of every minute they spend at our Academy. I am sure you will agree that after the disruption over recent years, good attendance is extremely important.

**Year 2 Parents' Open Evening**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding an Open Evening for parents of children in year 2 who are interested in a place at our Academy in September. The evening will begin at 4pm with a presentation from myself, followed by a guided tour of the Academy by Pupil Ambassadors. The tour and presentation should last around 45 minutes.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and I am looking forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Marples.  
Principal.