



# SKEGBY JUNIOR ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Skegby Junior Academy and a very warm welcome to our new children and families in Year 3. I hope you have all had a wonderful Summer and you have made lots of lovely family memories.

## **Morning Routine**

Lessons begin at 8.45am so it is really important that children are lined up on the playground ready to start their day. All staff will be on the playground from 8.40am if you need a *quick word* with your child's teacher. If you need to speak at length to a member of staff, please go to the office to make an appointment, this will ensure that the children's learning time is not disrupted. Thank you.

## **Reporting a Child's Absence**

If your child is absent, please call the main office (01623 460329) and either speak to a member of our Admin Team or leave a voice message. Please don't leave Class Teachers a message on Dojo as they are teaching and not always able to check their messages throughout the day. Thank you.

## **Spellings**

This year we have changed our approach to the teaching of spelling and we are now using The Spelling Book by Jane Considine. Spelling will now be taught in fortnightly blocks and children will not be bringing spellings home to learn.

## **Bedrock Vocabulary**

You will shortly be receiving a separate letter about Bedrock Vocabulary, an online programme which supports the teaching of vocabulary. Children will be using it in school and will also have access at home, in the same way as Times Table Rock Stars.

## **Strictly Come Dancing Workshops**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, Robin Windsor, a professional dancer from BBC Strictly Come Dancing, will once again be visiting our Academy for the day. All children will need to wear their Academy PE kit that day as everyone will be taking part in a Strictly Come Dancing Workshop. Following on from the workshops, children will have further dance lessons with Cheryl, from Dance Lobo, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> October and 10<sup>th</sup> October. Children will need to wear their Academy PE kit on those days too, please.

## **Jeans for Genes Day**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, we will be taking part in Jeans for Genes Day. We would like all children to wear their jeans with their school uniform. Please note, this is not a non-uniform day, it is a day when we wear jeans with school uniform to raise awareness and money for this worthwhile charity. It would be greatly appreciated if your child could bring in a donation on the day. Many thanks.

## **Mobile Phones**

Children are only allowed to bring their mobile phone to school if they walk to and from school without an adult. Phones must be turned off as soon as children enter the school premises and given to class teachers at the start of the day. Mobile phones will be stored in the main office throughout the day and given out again at home time. Mobile phones are left in school at your own risk and we cannot take any responsibility for them. Thank you for your understanding.



## **Dogs**

I would like to remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on school premises. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

## **Bikes and Scooters**

I would also like to remind everyone that children should not be riding bikes and scooters on school premises. In the interests of everyone's safety, children should push them to and from the bike sheds. Any child coming to school on a bike or a scooter needs to wear a helmet for their own safety. Thank you.

## **ParentPay – Pre-ordering and FSM**

Thank you to all the parents/carers for activating your accounts and pre-ordering your children's meals. All meals must be pre-ordered a week in advance (please refer to the email that was sent on 2<sup>nd</sup> September for the future cut off dates).

If you have not registered your account or need some help with pre-ordering, please contact the office who can assist.

## **Diary Dates**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September** – Strictly Come Dancing Workshops

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 3/4 Visit to Creswell Crags

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** – Life Education Box

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – Dance Workshops to begin

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – Jeans for Genes Day

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – The Academy closes for half term

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – INSET Day

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – The Academy re-opens for the second part of the Autumn term

Kind regards,  
Mrs Marples.  
Principal.