

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week at the Academy, the children have settled back into routines after half term and are working hard. We have lots of amazing things planned for this half term and your child's class teacher will be sending you a letter with further details. Please make sure your child attends regularly and arrives on time so they enjoy their learning and make progress.

### Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evenings this week; it was great to see you and hear your positive comments. If you were not able to attend this week, please speak to the office or your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment; this can be either face to face or by telephone.

### Aspirations Day

As part of our Careers Education Programme, we will be holding an Aspirations Day again this year. It will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Throughout the day we will be asking the children to focus on the career they would like to follow when they are older. There will be opportunities for the children to explain why they would like to follow a particular career path and what skills they think they will need.

To make the day more purposeful we would like the children to come dressed as the person they want to be when they are older. For example, they may come dressed as a police officer or a nurse or they may wear more formal clothes, if they would like to work in a bank or an office.

Please take a few moments to discuss the above with your child, in preparation for the day.

Also, on this day we are asking for a donation of a raffle or tombola prize for our Christmas Fair.

### Odd Sock Day

Monday 14<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!

### Year 2 Parents' Open Evening

On Monday 14<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.

### Book Vending Machine

We now have a book vending machine in school; it is part of our reading rewards scheme. Every child who achieves their ten weeks of reading signatures will receive a token to spend at the book vending machine. Please support your child with their reading at home so we can reward them!



### **Children in Need**

Once again, we will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. We will be having a non-uniform day and our School Council have decided that the theme will be *Bright and Spotty!* Children can wear their brightest clothes, with something spotty, if possible, please.

We are also asking for a donation to Children in Need. As well as accepting cash donations on the day we now have the facility for you to make donations via ParentPay (if you would prefer) by using the following link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8476>. Thank you for your support.

### **Diary Dates**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Aspirations Day

**w/c 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-Bullying Week

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Odd Sock Day

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Open Evening for Year 2 parents

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – School Photographs – please note the change of date. A letter will be sent out on Monday.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need Day

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Non-uniform day, please bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fair – details to follow

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Pantomime performance in school

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas dinner for Years 3 and 4

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas dinner for Years 5 and 6

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – The Academy closes for Christmas

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Stay safe and take care of your loved ones. I look forward to seeing the children on Monday.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Marples.  
Principal.