

...Education for Lifelong Learning

Autumn Term- Dates for your Diary

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
November	
8 th	Year 2 trip to Belgrave Rooms Performing Arts
WB: 11 th	Maths in Action in which you can come into the Academy to observe maths lessons.
11 th 15 th	Anti-Bullying Awareness Week in the Academy
18 th	IEP Review Meetings
22 nd	Year2 to RAF Waddington- Sports Competition
20 th & 28 th	Open Mornings for 2019 Reception Pupils
21 st	Flu Vaccinations for all pupils
29 th	Year 3 Science trip
December	
9 th	2.30pm Reception Christmas Production
10 th	2.30pm Reception Christmas Production
11 th	2.30pm Year 1 and 2 Christmas production 6.00pm Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production
12 th	6.00pm Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production
12 th	Year 3 Learning Showcase- Details to follow
13 th	PTFA Christmas Fair
WB 16 th	Forest School Learning
16 th	PTFA Christmas Disco
18 th	Christmas Party & Christmas Dinner
19 th	Pupils finish at 2pm
January	
6 th	Pupils Return to the Academy

* You are invited to attend these events



Welcome back after the Half Term break

We are delighted to have had such a successful first half term and we have welcomed the pupils back to enjoy the learning and experiences which are ahead of them. The children and staff have come back from the October break refreshed, and the new term has started in a very positive and focused way. We look forward to the learning which will be taking place in the term ahead.

Parents' Evening

We are really grateful for the overwhelmingly positive feedback identified within the October 2019 parental surveys at Parents' Evening. We had 56 responses to our questionnaire. We truly value your feedback and we work hard to act upon your suggestions where possible. Please feel free to see these outcomes and comments on the last page of this newsletter. Thank you.

Attendance

Please find below, the attendance rate for the term so far. This is:

Autumn Term 1 2019	Autumn Term 1 2018
98%	97.33 %

As you can see, this is already an increase on this time last year. We would like to thank those of you who are working so closely with us to support this aspect of Academy life.

Poppies on Sale

As you may already have seen, poppies and other items went on sale from **Wednesday 30th October**. Our "Forces Group" will be selling these each day at playtime and each pupil will have the opportunity to **donate** money to The Royal British Legion. Pupils will also have a special assembly to give them an increased understanding of Remembrance Day.

Scooters and bikes

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you all that children are to dismount from bikes and scooters once they enter the school grounds. As pupil safety is our highest concern, we appreciate your support in this area.

The Christmas Production

Christmas is approaching and both the pupils and staff will soon be busy preparing for the Reception Production of "Born in Bethlehem" and the KS1 Christmas Production of "I'm Gonna Shine".

The Reception performances will take place on the 9th and 10th of December and the KS1 production on the 11th and 12th of December. More information regarding tickets will be sent out nearer the time.

Rand Farm

We are really delighted that our Year 2 pupils had such a positive residential trip to Rand Farm. The feedback has been overwhelming from the children with regards to the enjoyment and the life skills which they learnt along the way. Thank you for your support with this trip. We hope to repeat this in the future.



Children in Need

The children have decided that they would like to raise money for Children in Need by having a non-school uniform day and by joining the Big Morning Move with Joe Wicks on Friday 15th November. In towns and cities right across the UK, BBC Children in Need seeks to make a difference. The amazing projects they support help change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people all over the country. We are sure you'll agree this is a very worthy cause and hope that you are able to support our fundraising. We are suggesting that children donate £2 on the day to come in non-school uniform.

Reception 2019 Open Mornings

Although this academic year has only just begun, we will be holding two open mornings between 9am and 11am on 20th and 28th November for parents of children due to start Reception in September 2020. All welcome!

Healthy Snacks and Water Bottles

Please can we ask that any morning break snacks that the children bring in to school from home are healthy ones. This might be a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks or crackers and cheese etc. Can we please ask that chocolate, biscuits or crisps are not given as a snack. In addition to this, please can we remind you that only water should be added into the children's water bottles- this is so that they have access to drinking water throughout the day and that any other drinks can become sticky when spilt. Thank you.

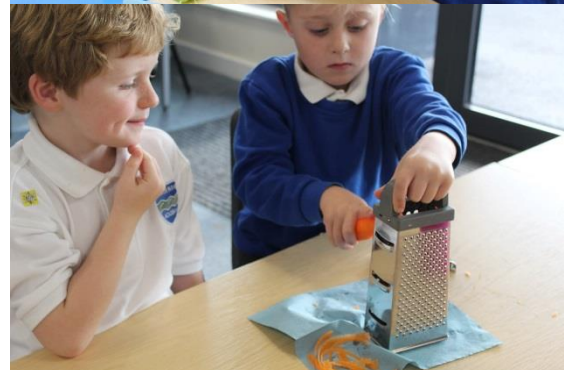
PE Kits

As mentioned in previous correspondence, we ask that the children's PE kits come to school on Monday morning and remain in school all week. Thank you to those of you that already help us with this.

Yours sincerely,



Andrea Collins
Headteacher



Parents Evening Survey Outcomes 2019

Manor Farm Academy Parent Questionnaire October 2019- summary of responses (56 responses)

	Question:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree and Strongly Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know/ No response
1	My child is happy at this school	95%	5%	100%	0	0	0
2	My child feels safe at this school	95%	5%	100%	0	0	0
3	My Child makes good progress at this school	89%	11%	100%	0	0	0
4	My child is taught well at this school	95%	5%	100%	0	0	0
5	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	91%	9%	100%	0	0	0
6	This school deals effectively with bullying	56%	5%	61%	0	0	39%
7	This school is well led and managed	96%	4%	100%	0	0	0
8	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	89%	9%	98%	2%	0	0
9	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	88%	9%	96%	3%	0	0
10	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	96%	4%	100%	0	0	0
11	I receive information about what my child will be learning during the year	89%	11%	100%	0	0	0
12	If my child has any special educational needs or disabilities, the school gives them the support they need	45%	7%	52%	0	0	48%
13	The school has high expectations for my child	93%	7%	100%	0	0	0
14	There is a good range of subjects and learning opportunities available to my child at this school	95%	5%	100%	0	0	0
15	My child can take part in clubs and activities at school	84%	9%	93%	0	0	7%
16	This school supports my child's personal development	91%	9%	100%	0	0	0

A huge thank you! See below for some of the positives:

- All teachers are friendly
- Keep it up.
- I wish my school had been as good as this one!
- Great at supporting children's emotional developments as well as academic achievements.
- Excellent SEND Teacher- really cares and wants the best for the children with additional needs. Always there to raise concerns to.
- Thank you for all you help and support.
- Fantastic place for daughter to learn
- Overall really happy
- Super job my boys are very happy
- Leadership is strong
- People in the school help me get more confident
- Welcoming and positive
- Nice and clean
- It's a great environment in which my child is very happy.
- We love the extra things like learning about Lincolnshire day.
- Well managed and super, efficient teachers.
- Good/positive atmosphere and good learning facilities
- I like how all the pupils have such a close relationship with each other.
- Safe and Calm Environment.
- Friendly staff
- All of the teaching and support staff actively encourage every child and support and promote development.
- The atmosphere at the school is calm, caring and happy.
- Dedication to child development.
- Personal touch.
- Very supportive staff.
- Forces group is great.
- So supportive and encouraging.
- Helps us to support our child with his home learning by suggesting alternative approaches.
- Fantastic school, run by an excellent Head Teacher.
- The children are happy and looked after.
- A fantastic Head.
- Our child looks forward to school and arrives home with a smile on her face - this is a great reflection on the school.
- Strong focus on achievement.
- Easy access to teachers.
- Makes sure pupils behave respectfully at all times.
- Notices and rewards good behaviour
- Staff are friendly and very keen to help the children succeed.
- Amazing leadership.
- Amazing friendly staff x3
- Parents are encouraged to attend many school events and activities.
- The staff are engaging, positive and encouraging.
- Positive / high expectations.
- Leadership and management
- Any problems quickly remedied
- Fantastic teaching always so helpful
- Communication with parents especially ad hoc
- Love the after school programme
- Well done- you all work so hard
- Daughters thriving and come home every day happy and wanting to learn
- Culture and ethos moulding effective young humans
- Challenges children to achieve their best
- Positivity and energy of the staff
- Well organised and get parents involved
- My child's development exceeds expectations- he comes to school and enjoys learning
- Inform parents well
- Committed caring staff who see the child as an individual
- Amazing facilities indoor and outdoor
- Great variety in lessons
- Fabulous