



## Head of School's letter

November 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. With the election results in America this month the world we live in is certainly a changing place! It has been wonderful to hear the children's views this week and debating with them how world events may affect their future.

### **Winter Weather**

Winter is now upon us and the weather reflects that. Please make sure that your child has a plain grey, black or navy coat in school with them every day. Scarves, hats and gloves may be needed in the coming weeks so please make sure all items are labelled as we cannot be responsible for lost items. Classes still have outside PE lessons so please make sure your child has grey, black or teal tracksuit bottoms in school along with a thick jumper for these lessons.

As the nights are darker all children must be collected by an adult (over 16) every night, this includes any after any after school clubs that they attend.

### **Parents' Evening**

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to talk to so many parents at Parents' Evening – I hope you enjoyed the school dinner tasters that were on offer. As always we welcome your feedback and would be interested to know which dishes you enjoyed or any alternatives you would like to see on the menu.

Teachers shared with you data sheets, targets and parent questionnaires. If you haven't yet returned them please send them in with your child as soon as possible. It is vital that the data sheets are up-to-date as in an emergency we need to be able to contact you. We will share the results of the questionnaires once we have received them all back and analysed them.

### **Jewellery**

Please remember that jewellery must be limited to one pair of small studs in the ear lobe. This is for the safety of your child in school so please do not be offended if we ask them to remove larger earrings or other jewellery.

### **Full Time Nursery**

We are still working towards and are pushing forwards to be able to open our nursery on a full-time basis. Unfortunately it is a long process but please be assured that whilst you may not see anything happening, there is a lot going on behind the scenes. Watch this space – I will update you with news as I get it.

### **School Council**

Our School Councillors visited the Council house and had a tour just after half term. They then watched a council meeting in progress and were welcomed by the Mayor himself! Our Council has a lot of plans and we look forward to them sharing these with you in the near future.

### **Stay and Play**

We are currently in discussion with the local authority to undertake risk assessments and hope to be opening our stay and play facility very soon.

### **Sickness and vomiting**

Please remember that if your child has vomited they must be completely clear of sickness for 48 hours before they can come back into the Academy. This is to help prevent the spread of germs to other children and to staff.

### **Book bags**

Please check your child's book bag regularly for correspondence from the Academy. Although we use the text service frequently, we do also send letters and notes home for your information.

### **Inset Day**

Just to remind you that Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December will be an Inset Day and the Academy will be closed to children.

### **Thank You**

I would like to add a final thank you to all of our children who took part in work around Remembrance. Pupils and staff together observed the two minute silence on the playground on Armistice Day without a sound being made, with the school bell ringing at the start and end of the time. The children participated so well and showed wisdom beyond their years throughout. Look out for a new display in the entrance hallway soon!

Best wishes,

Mrs R Eaton

Head of School