



What a busy fortnight we have had since I last wrote to you! Everyone has safely returned from the half term holiday, West Midlands police visited Year 6 to deliver their Precious Lives programme, Anti-Bullying week has helped us learn more about respecting each other and coping with friendship problems, as well as who to speak to when things go wrong and the Big Brum Theatre in Education Company have brought their Minotaur production to Year 5 to enhance their topic work. We look forward to many more exciting activities on the run up to the Christmas holidays!



## Children in Need



Thank you to everyone who has come in to school dressed in their pyjamas or odd socks today and who has made a donation. We are happy to support this very worthwhile charity which helps to change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the country.

## Remembrance Day

Year 6 led us in a powerful and moving Remembrance Day assembly on Monday, when the whole school observed the two minute silence to remember those who gave their lives or have been affected through war and conflict across the years. For the first time, the names of the pupils of Tindal Street School who gave their lives in the First World War were read out and it really helped us to think about how children who once sat in the hall like we did had made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom today. If you have not already done so, please do pop by the Office to see the amazing Remembrance Day art installation our pupils helped to create. We will remember them.



## #findtheTindalfallen

This beautiful plaque, commemorating the old boys of Tindal Street school who died in the Great War, is missing and we would love to see it back in the school. We have been told it used to hang in the Tindal Street Old Boys Club on Moseley Road, but sadly it has not been seen for some years. Please contact us on 0121 464 3049 with any information.



## We love reading!



This term, we are encouraging children to read as much as possible! Reading is the cornerstone of learning and we would like all children to be reading in school and at home every day. To help us in this, please ensure your child brings their book into school every morning and that when you read with them at home, you write in their reading diaries.

## Tindal Maths whizzes shine

Congratulations to our four Maths masterminds who came third in the first heat of the King Edward's School mathematics competition last week! We will now need to wait to see whether they can progress to the final rounds over the next couple of months.

## PE kit

This term we have decided to allow pupils to wear their PE kit into school on days when they have whole class PE. This is to reduce the amount of learning time used by pupils getting changed for PE and to help to cut down on the amount of uniform being misplaced after getting changed. Please remember that for PE kit, children should be wearing plain, dark jogging bottoms, plain white polo shirts and school jumpers. For safety reasons, hoodies are not allowed and sports headscarves should be worn. If girls are not able to remove their earrings, they will be asked to cover them with medical tape.

## Celebration Assemblies

We love to celebrate our pupils' achievements and our weekly celebration assemblies are a fantastic opportunity for us to invite you to be a part of this. Following parent feedback, we have decided to trial having the assemblies first thing on Friday mornings to allow parents who are working to attend as well. If your child is receiving a certificate you will receive a text from the school to invite you to join us for the presentation.

## Winter weather and darker nights

This week has certainly seen a change in the weather, and it has become much colder and wetter. Please ensure that your child comes to school every day with an appropriate warm coat and with hats, gloves and scarves as required. Please ensure all garments are labelled with your child's name to help us return lost property to the right person. As daylight hours get shorter, please also take extra care when walking to and from school and help your child to be easily seen by cars by using items such as reflectors on their coats and bags.

## School dinner menu

The new winter school dinner menu is now available on the website. If you would like a paper copy, please come to the Office. Just to remind you, school dinners cost £2.30 per meal for Years 3-6, unless you are entitled to Free School Meals for your child, and should be paid for at the start of the week. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have a school dinner on a particular day, they just need to inform their teacher on the morning that they will be taking a meal and the dinner money taken to the Office.

## Term dates

Please note the Academy term dates for this academic year are as follows:

Autumn Term: Monday 2nd September - Friday 20th December 2019

Half Term holiday: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2019

INSET days (school closed): Monday 4th November 2019

Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December 2019 - Friday 3rd January 2020

Spring Term: Monday 6th January - Friday 3rd April 2020

Half Term holiday: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2020

INSET days (school closed): Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th January 2020, Friday 14th February 2020

Easter holiday: Monday 6th - Friday 17th April 2020

Summer Term: Monday 20th April - Monday 20th July 2020

Half Term holiday: Monday 25th - Friday 29th May 2020

INSET days (school closed): Monday 20th April 2020, Friday 22nd May 2020, Friday 3rd July 2020

**Please note that INSET days are subject to change.**



## Safeguarding Information

Our Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of its pupils. We believe that everyone has an important part to play in child protection. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing or safety of any child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Miss Francis, Mrs Mockbil or Mrs Ivins. For your information, our Nominated Governor is Fiona Parkes, the Interim Chair of Governors is Clare Campbell and the Local Authority Designated Officers (LADOs) are Nora Malik, Salma Shabir and Tracey Johnson. Our Safeguarding Policy is available on the Academy website.