



Dear Parents/Carers

How quickly the time is flying by. The term is well underway and we can feel the chill in the air. As always, there are many exciting activities happening both in-school and out in the community and we appreciate your support with ensure our children take part in as many of these opportunities as possible.

So far this half term Year 1 have been to Spain for the day, the Taekwondo students have been recognised for their dedication and achievement with medals and certificates, and prefects, school councillors and eco councillors all have badges so they can be easily identified by all pupils. These children are the role models for our school and are doing a fantastic job. And this is just in the first two weeks!

Celebration Assemblies

The children are working incredibly hard to display our values of Ambition, Resilience and Respect in their work, behaviour and attitude. It is wonderful to hear them talking about the values and how the things they do are linked to them. If your child has a celebration certificate please join us at 2:30pm on a Monday for KS2 and Friday for KS1.

Reception Places

If you have a child who will start in Reception next year or know a parent who does, please encourage them to attend our open days where we can show them our Outstanding Early Years setting and help them to complete admission forms.



Parking



Parking continues to be an issue. Every day there are parents parking on the double yellow lines on Tindal Street and Cromer Road by the lollipop lady. The yellow lines are there to keep all our children safe. Please do not put their lives in danger and arrive in time to walk a little further from your car. We will be taking photographs and referring these number plates to the police. If there is no parking space you need to leave earlier and park further away – do not be offended when we speak to you about being late to pick up your child; it is your responsibility to be on time.

Attendance

Mr Gordon is doing wonderful work to ensure that all of our pupils are in school every day and on time. Missing just one day of school has an impact on your child's education and makes it difficult for them to catch up. If your child is late it can be very unsettling for them. School opens at 8:40am and children must be in school by 8:50am. If you are late, please ensure that you escort your child onto the premises. Recently we have had children being dropped on the road and making their own way into school. This is unacceptable and puts your child in danger.

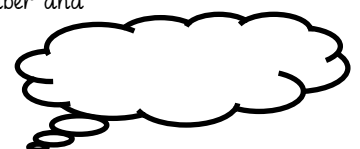


We have also had a lot of parents asking to take their children out of school for appointments. Please do not make doctor or dentist appointments for your child during the school day or immediately afterwards. Hospital and specialist dental appointments may be made if these cannot be scheduled outside school hours, but you will need to bring in a copy of the appointment letter. Children should not be taken out of school to accompany parents to their own appointments – if you are unable to collect your child because of an appointment you need to attend, you should make other arrangements for them to be collected at the end of school.

Dates for the diary:

Monday 26th November will be an Inset Day, so the school will be closed to pupils.

During the week beginning 10th December, each teacher will be holding a parents' meeting day. You will receive information giving you details of how to sign up for a ten minute slot to discuss your child. Please make every effort to attend as it is vital we work as a partnership to achieve the best for your child. Reception parents' meetings will be held on 29th November and Nursery parents will be seen as they collect their children.





The Christmas Fair will be held on Thursday 20th December. Parents are invited to collect their children at 2pm to give everyone time to enjoy the fair. If you cannot pick your child up early they will stay with staff within school and can then be collected from the Bowen Studio via the Cromer Road entrance. There will be a raffle, refreshments and handmade items to buy which your child will have made as part of Enterprise Week. As last year, we have been told that Santa is going to squeeze in a visit to Ark Tindal – if you and your child would like to see him, look out for the details of how to book a slot as these were very popular last year. We would welcome donations of raffle prizes and cakes for the North Pole cafe nearer the time – please bring any items to the Office.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from 3rd – 6th December and will be open every night after school. Books will be sold at half the published price! During parents' meetings there will also be the opportunity to buy good quality, second hand books which would make fantastic presents!



Reception will perform their Nativity to parents on the afternoon of 17th December and morning of the 18th December. Times to follow.

On Wednesday 19th we will have our annual Christmas lunch, which is a lovely occasion every year where staff and pupils share lunch with party hats and crackers! If your child would like a school dinner on that day, please send £2.25 dinner money to the Academy Office by Monday 17th December and remind your child to tell their teacher on the day that they are having a school dinner.



Friday 21st December is the last day of term and we expect all children to remain in school until this date. School will close at 12:30pm and children will need to be collected promptly at that time. Classes will be holding their Christmas parties in the morning, so the children will be having snacks provided. On the 21st, we will therefore not be providing a midday meal as normal, although children who are entitled to Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch to take home.

Meet the Prefect Team



Hi, my name is Safiya and I am a prefect. I am in 6 Cambridge and I love going outside at the weekend to play, or helping my parents go shopping.

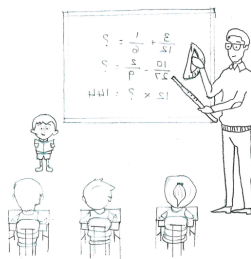


Hi, my name is Iman and I am in 6 Oxford. I love spending my time doing art and I also like to do crafts.

Hello, my name is Aila and I've been at the school for 8 years and I am Head Girl. I am currently in 6 Cambridge. I enjoy interacting with people and reading books. One of my favourite books is "Demon Dentist" by David Walliams.



Hi! My name is Janna from 6 Cambridge and I am a prefect! I really like doing art and crafts. I also love reading, espe-



My name is Adam from 6 Cambridge, My favourite lessons are Maths and Science. I am the Head Boy this year.



My name is Myriam and I am from 6 Cambridge. I like chocolate and sweets!



Hi, my name is Wesam and I am from 6 Cambridge. My favourite subjects are Maths and PE. I have been in the school for 8 years and when I grow up I want to be a cook.



Hello, my name is Yahya and I am from 6 Cambridge. My favourite subjects are History and PE. I have been in this school from Year 5. When I grow up I want to be an engineer.

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 Chair of Governors is Julie Farr and the Local Authority Designated Officers (LADOs) are Nora Malik, Salma Shabir and Tracey Johnson. Our Safeguarding Policy is available on the Academy website.