Civitas Academy Bulletin

05/11/18



**Welcome from Mr Wieder**

First, I would like to thank parents for their understanding regarding the closure of the school on Friday. When staff arrived in the morning, there was no power in most areas of the school. This had meant that the school had no electricity or heat. Our phone lines were also down. We originally thought that it was a school issue and attempted to get it resolved. However, it became apparent that it was a fault caused at the local substation. Power was restored later that day and systems fully restored by the end of the day.

Thank you to all the parents that could attend parents evening last week. If you were unable to make an appointment, please speak to your child’s class teacher and they will be able to schedule a meeting with you. We will schedule a new time for Mrs Brook’s class when she returns back to Civitas.

**Diwali Assembly**

Happy Diwali to the families celebrating this week. We will be hosting our assembly on Tuesday this week. All families are welcome to attend. It will start at 9:10 am and last for approximately 20 minutes. We will open the doors for parents at 9am. Please could any parents/ carers intending to watch the performance enter and exit via the main entrance on Great Knollys Street.

**CAFFS**

The annual general meeting for the Civitas Academy Friends, Families and Staff (CAFFS) will take place on Tuesday 13th November at 9am. CAFFS is the fundraising society for the school and it would be great to see more families represented in the next meeting.

**Staffing Update**

Mrs Aram remains unwell and will not be returning before her maternity leave begins. Mrs Aram is currently due to return to Civitas in September 2019.

Mrs Brooks is unwell and will not be returning to school until Monday 12th November at the earliest.

**World War I Day**

 On Friday 9th November, the children in Y1, Y2 and Y3 will spend the day learning about World War I to mark the centenary of the armistice on Sunday 11th November. We will hold our two minute silence at 11am on that day.

**Anti-Bullying Week and Blue Day**

This will take place next week and teachers will spend some time discussing bullying in classes next week. The theme for this year is ‘Choose Respect’ and I have included a few links below that parents may find beneficial.

**Bullying UK**  
[https://www.bullying.co.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2018/](https://safeguardinginschools.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=efe032677d94ceba51dd39a7f&id=e9bb39433c&e=1d74aace18)  
  
**Anti-Bullying Alliance**  
[https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2018-choose-respect](https://safeguardinginschools.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=efe032677d94ceba51dd39a7f&id=448a9a281b&e=1d74aace18)  
  
**Ditch the Label**  
[https://www.ditchthelabel.org/anti-bullying-week/](https://safeguardinginschools.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=efe032677d94ceba51dd39a7f&id=ebc1300230&e=1d74aace18)  
  
**Anti-Bullying Pro from the Diana Award**  
[https://www.antibullyingpro.com/resources](https://safeguardinginschools.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=efe032677d94ceba51dd39a7f&id=2e12c1e817&e=1d74aace18)

**Autumn Key Dates (New events highlighted in yellow)**

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| **Date and Time** | **Event** |
| Tuesday 30th October (3:30-6pm) | Parents Evening |
| Thursday 1st November (3:30-6pm) | Parents Evening |
| Tuesday 6th November (9-9:30am) | Y1 Diwali Assembly |
| Friday 9th November | World War I Day |
| Monday 12th- Friday 16th November | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Tuesday 13th November (9-9:45am) | CAFFS Meeting |
| Friday 16th November | Dress in blue clothes for Anti-Bullying Day |
| Monday 19th- Friday 23rd November | Road Safety Week |
| Thursday 22nd November (9-9:30am) | Question and Answer session with Head of School |
| Thursday 22nd November | Y2 Trip to Dinton Pastures |
| Friday 23rd November | Y3 Metal Workshop |
| Friday 30th November (3:30-4pm) | Art Exhibition |
| Friday 7th December | Autumn Clubs Finish |
| Friday 14th December | Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day |
| Tuesday 18th December (9:15-10am) | Christmas Performance (Dress Rehearsal suitable for families with young children) |
| Wednesday 19th December (9:15-10am) | Christmas Performance (No young children please) |
| Thursday 20th December | 11b411 Event: Whole school visit to Reading Hexagon |
| Thursday 20th December (3:30-4pm) | Project Celebrations (Reception- Year 3) |
| Friday 21st December | Last Day of Term (No afterschool club) |
| Friday 21st December | Christmas dinner for pupils |