Civitas Academy Bulletin

11/11/19



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| **Dress in blue clothes on Friday!** |

**Welcome from Mr Wieder**

It was a busy first week back with parents’ evenings, a coffee morning and lots of learning taking place. We have also been busy recruiting new members of staff to join the team, some of which started last week. Later in the bulletin, I will introduce the new members of the team.

Numbers in our Reception class have continued to increase, so we made the decision before half-term to split the children into two different registration groups- Paddington and Elmer. A letter communicating this was sent out last week to parents in Reception classes. As a result of this change, we have moved Miss Pearse into Reception.

This year the school is involved in several different projects. We are taking part in the ‘Good to Great’ school programme with some of the other local Reading schools. As part of this project, we will be welcoming the head teachers From All Saints and Park Lane to Civitas on Tuesday where they will be able to see the school in action. I will also visit All Saints and Park Lane as part of this project. We also taking part in an art project led by Jelly Arts with Miss Frain and Miss Edwards attending on this Thursday.

**Anti-Bullying Week**

This week the children will have the opportunity to take part activities linked to anti-bullying. As part of this week, children are encouraged to wear blue clothes to school on Friday.

**Club Cancellations**

Lego Club is cancelled on Tuesday 12th November due to parents’ evening.

**Staffing Update**

I would like to welcome and introduce you to some of the new faces that you will see at the school:

Mrs Mahmood will be teaching in Elmer Class on Wednesday to Friday each week.

Miss Hinds, Mrs Grant and Mrs Chippada will be working as Learning Support Assistants in Key Stage 1.

 **School Lottery Reminder**

A reminder that the school is now has lottery. Please support us by buying tickets to raise funds for our school. Please see posters around the school for more details.

**Christmas Fair and Art Exhibition: Friday 29th November**

We are running this event after school on Friday 29th November. If anyone is able to assist in running a stall then please speak to either Mrs Newman or Mrs Tailor. We will be raising funds for: funding our arts project for the children, a defibrillator for the school and additional playground equipment.

**Office Reminders**

A reminder that unless your child is entitled to free school meals, then the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme finishes in Y2. Children in Y3 upwards will need to pay for meals ordered.

**Christmas Lunch**

This will be taking place on Friday 13th December. A letter for orders will go out this week. Please could all orders be returned by Friday 15th November.

**2019-20 Key Dates**

**Autumn**

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| **Date and Time** | **Event** |
| Monday 11th- Friday 15th November | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Tuesday 12th November (3:30-6pm) | Gruffalo Parent Evening |
| Thursday 14th November | Reception to Prospect Park |
| Friday 15h November | Dress in blue clothes for Anti-Bullying Day |
| Monday 18th- Friday 22nd November | Road Safety Week |
| Monday 18th November (9:30-10:30) | Open Morning for Prospective New Reception Families 2020 |
| Thursday 28th November | Y4 to Cinema |
| Friday 29th November (3:30-4pm) | Art Exhibition/ Christmas Fair |
| Monday 2nd December | Reception to Reading Buses |
| Friday 6th December | Autumn Clubs Finish |
| Friday 13th December | Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day |
| Friday 13th December | Whole School Trip to Reading Hexagon |
| Monday 16th December (3:30-4pm) | Project Celebrations (Reception-Year 4) |
| Tuesday 17th December (9:15-10am) | Christmas Performance (Dress Rehearsal suitable for families with young children) |
| Wednesday 18th December (9:15-10am) | Christmas Performance (No young children please) |
| Friday 20th December | Christmas Lunch |
| Friday 20th December | Last Day of Term |

**Spring**

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| **Date and Time** | **Event** |
| Monday 6th January | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 7th January | Children return to school |
| Monday 13th January (3:30pm- 4pm) | Term Overview Meeting |
| Wednesday 15th January (9-9:30am) | Question and Answer Session with Head of School |
| Friday 30th January (To be confirmed) | NSPCC Number Day (parents welcome to spend upto 9:25am in classes to join in with maths activities. Children can come in wearing clothes with numbers on for £1 donation to NSPCC) |
| Monday 10th February (3:30pm-4pm) | Project Celebrations |
| Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February | Half Term |
| Thursday 5th March | World Book Day (parents welcome to spend upto 9:25am in classes to join in with reading activities. Children can come in dressed as a book character) |
| Wednesday 11th March (3:30-6pm) | Parents’ Evening |
| Thursday 12th March (3:30-6pm) | Parents’ Evening |
| Friday 13th March | Sports Relief |
| Monday 30th March (3:30pm-4pm) | Project Celebrations |
| Thursday 2nd April | Y3 Easter Assembly |
| Friday 3rd April | End of Term |

**Summer**

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| **Date and Time** | **Event** |
| Monday 20th April | Children return to school |
| Monday 27th April (3:30-4pm) | Term Overview Meeting |
| Thursday 7th May (9am-9:30am) | Question and Answer Session with Head of School |
| Monday 18th May (3:30-4pm) | Project Celebration |
| Monday 18th- Friday 22nd May | Mental Health Week |
| Monday 25th-Friday 29th May | Half Term |
| Thursday 4th June (9:10- 9:40am) | Y2 Eid Assembly |
| Monday 8th-Friday 12th June | Cultural Diversity Week |
| Friday 12th June | International Day |
| Friday 12th June (3:30-4pm) | International Food Festival |
| Tuesday 30th June (AM) | Sports Day |
| Wednesday 1st July | Transition Day |
| Friday 3rd July | Sports Day (Reserve date in case of bad weather on Tuesday 30th June) |
| Thursday 9th July | Question and Answer Session with Head of School |
| Friday 10th July  | Reports Out |
| Friday 17th July | Last day of term for children |