Civitas Academy Bulletin

18/11/19



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

**Welcome from Mr Wieder**

Last week was anti-bullying week at the school and it was great to see so many children dressed in blue on Friday. The focus this week is road safety and to highlight this, children will be encouraged to come dressed in bright clothes on Friday. As part of road safety week, children will be designing posters to encourage safe parking outside the school. It would be great if families could support this by trying to park and stride into school.

We have made the decision to split the Christmas performance this year in order to accommodate everybody in the hall. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue with the planned performances as previously indicated. There will now be a separate Y3/4 carol concert on Tuesday 17th December at 2:55pm.

**Attendance**

Attendance at the school remains a school improvement priority. Attendance so far this year is 93.7%. This is lower than the 94.4% achieved last year, which was very low when compared to other schools. Last week, letters went home to families with low attendance. To clarify, the school minimum expectation for attendance is 97%. Attendance below 95% is unsatisfactory and attendance below 90% is classified as persistently absent.

Please note that if your child is ill, the school should be notified and a message left on the phone if the call is not answered. In order to authorise the absence, the school will need to see some form of evidence e.g. prescription note, copy of appointment card etc. This will need to be presented to the office. Thank you for your support in improving school attendance.

**Road Safety Week**

This week the children will have the opportunity to take part activities linked to road safety. As part of this week, children are encouraged to wear bright clothes to school on Friday.

**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.

**EYFS Update**

From tomorrow, the team in Early Years will operate a ‘soft start’ to the school day. This means that children will be able to go straight into the classes as soon as the gates open at 8:40am. There will be no need to line up and families will be able to take their children to the classroom door as soon as they arrive. The official start time to the school remains at 8:50am. Please note that this soft start **only applies** to children in Early Years (Paddington and Elmer).

The team would like to apologise for cancelling the trip due to the amber weather warning issued last week. The trip to Prospect Park will be rescheduled for the Spring term and a letter with the new date will go out in January.

Please could all P.E. kit be named.

**P.E. Update by Miss Vaal**

Please children bring in tracksuits for outside P.E. lessons.

**2019-20 Key Dates**

**Autumn**

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| **Date and Time** | **Event** |
| 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 Reception and KS1 (Dress Rehearsal suitable for families with young children) |
| Tuesday 17th December (2:55-3:15pm) | Y3/4 Carol Concert  |
| 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 |