



Principals News

Well here we are at the end of our first half term, how quickly it has gone. The children have settled back in absolutely brilliantly and the work that is being produced is something to be proud of. Staff have worked hard to assess the children and are now supporting them with their next steps of learning. We have some fabulous themes running through the academy. I was blown away with Y3/4CJ a few weeks back as they had had a virtual visit to a cave in France and then the next day produced some stunning art work to support what they had learned.

As part of our application to the Carnegie Mental Health Award, we led a poetry competition across all the St Chad's Trust schools. We had lots of entries which have now been sent off to a panel of judges and we look forward to hearing who the winners will be. All the entries will be published into a book and we will share news of when this will be available.

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MRS BADDELEY

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Half term starts
Monday 26th October

Academy re-opens
Monday 2nd November

Odd Sock Day for Anti
Bullying Week -
Monday 16th November

Christmas holiday starts
Monday 21st December

Academy Re-opens
Tuesday 5th January

START AND END OF DAY

We have worked hard to ensure that the organisation of the day is as effective and supports the academy risk assessment to ensure we minimise as much risk as possible to pupils and their families and our staff. Can we remind parents it is vital that you queue along the fencing and not block the gate areas this is for the safety of all.

Many thanks for your co-operation and understanding over the past half term.

If we can remind you of the following aspects: -

- Please wear a face covering
- Please limit the number of adults dropping off and collecting where possible to 1
- Follow social distancing measures during drop off and collection

Stay healthy. Stay calm.

8 tips for managing your child's anxiety about COVID-19.



Create a routine.



Listen to your child and check in frequently.



Look for signs of anxiety.



Teach coping skills.



Focus on controllable tasks like washing hands.



Encourage positive thinking.



Stay connected.



Seek professional help if needed.

Get more tips and resources at childrens.com/covid19

children'shealth

As we still face a time of challenge and constant change, it is important to keep ourselves and our mental health and well-being healthy. Here are some top tips in how to support children.

Parent Conferences

Due to the current restrictions we will not be able to have Parent Conference meetings in the academy as we have done previously. In replace of this, staff are compiling interim reports for each child that will provide information on their learning so far and how they have settled. If you have additional concerns and would like to discuss these further then virtual meetings can be arranged with staff.





BREAKING NEWS!

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE AT THE ACADEMY IS IMPORTANT

We have got off to a fabulous start this term even with the periods of isolation that we have had to issue. We thank you all for the improvements in attendance. This is so important at a time when the children have had time away from the academy.

Attendance with COVID 19 absences removed
Week 1 98.8%, Week 2 98%, Week 3 95%, Week 4 97.3%
Week 5 94.8%, Week 6 95%, Week 7 95.2%

Message from the Chair of the Local Academy Committee regarding Attendance

On behalf of the local Academy committee I would like to thank staff, parents and children for the way they have worked together over the past few weeks to enable children to safely return to the classroom.

It has been wonderful to see how well children have adapted to the new restrictions and have demonstrated that they are much more resilient than we thought. For most you wouldn't know that they had been absent from the classroom for almost 6 months.

I know that this has been a very worrying time for parents but I would like to thank you for the faith that you have shown in the school. Our attendance figures for this half term have been above the national average which is absolutely wonderful. A big thank you must go to you, our parents for ensuring your children are in school and on time, it makes a world of difference to your child's education. For those of you who are still concerned I can assure you that the school is as safe as it can be.

I would also like to thank Mrs Baddeley and her staff for making the re-introduction of children into the classroom so successful. I know they have worked tirelessly to meet all the government guidelines at the same time ensuring children have an environment which enables them to learn and grow. I can assure you that your children are always their number one priority.

I hope everyone enjoys the half term break and look forward to a very successful second half of the term.

Chair of Local Academy Committee

DINING ROOM

As we continue to make improvements around the academy, I commissioned Mr Jones the artist who created our amazing woodland corridor into our library, to transform our dining room. We came up with the idea of the Mad Hatters Tea Party. Here is the amazing work that has already been completed. It is just breath-taking. We will keep you posted on how it continues to take shape over the coming weeks.



DEFIBRILLATOR

Many of you will remember that the children raised money for a defibrillator to be put in the academy after many of them had had CPR training and were keen to ensure that we had the equipment available if we ever needed it. I am delighted to say we now have it on site and in place in the library. Some staff have been trained in how to use it and all staff will receive this training later in the year. I have also arranged for some of the KS2 classes to have some first aid training in November. Thank you to all those families who supported in raising the funds for this.

