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Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th December—Year 6 RAF Cosford
Friday 14th December—EYFS Nativity for Parents 9.15am
Friday 14th December—Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 17th December—Christmas Fayre in Infant Hall all day
Wednesday 19th December—Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 20th December— Carol Service for KS1 parents at 9.15am Junior Hall
Thursday 20th December—Children’s talent show
Friday 21st December—Carol Service for KS2 parents at 9.15am in Junior Hall
Friday 21st December—Break up for Christmas
Monday 7th January—TEACHER DAY
Tuesday 8th January—Children return to school



Welcome to the latest edition of our Academy Newsletter.

**November’s Value:
Honesty**

Best Class Attendance



Team Point Winners



‘To support each and every child to love learning and become the very best that they can be.’

This week has seen the arrival of our Christmas trees which must mean that the festive season is nearly upon us! In the box above, you will find all of the important dates for Christmas performances and events.

Although KS1 and KS2 are performing a carol service together, we have separated the dates for parents to come and watch the performance so that everyone gets the best view possible. If you are unable to come on the date set for your child’s Key Stage however, you are obviously very welcome to attend the alternative date. We look forward to seeing you all there to watch the children perform!

This week has seen a number of the children going out on trips. Year 6 have been to the Thinktank to learn about genetics, whilst our youngest children in the Early Years visited the Pantomime to see Sleepyhead. The children loved every minute and were so sensible on their very first school trip! There are so many lovely photos of the trip; please have a look at the class pages on the website to see them!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Carrier

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TEACHER DAY JANUARY 2018

Monday 7th January will be a Teacher Day in school where the children will not be required to attend. On this day staff will be working on the priorities in our Academy Improvement Plan which you will have seen in the last newsletter. On January's teacher day, we will be particularly focusing on the curriculum and effective questioning.

YEAR 6 TO THE THINKTANK

Our Year 6 class went to the Thinktank this week with a focus on Genetics. The children had an amazing time and were able to take part in investigations and experiments in the real science labs. Part of the day involved the children learning about their DNA and they were even able to see it in test tubes! The staff who accompanied the children on the trip spoke very highly of how the children conducted themselves during the visit. Well done Year 6!



APPOINTMENTS WITH STAFF MEMBERS

We have the luxury of having teachers out on the playground at the beginning of every day which gives Parents and Carers an opportunity to pass on messages or notices to their child's class teacher. If you require a lengthier discussion with your child's teacher, you will be required to make an appointment with the main school office. The beginning and end of the school day are often very busy and the main role of staff at these times of the day is to safeguard the children in their care, i.e. to ensure that they get to their safe adult.

It is very difficult for staff to ensure the complete safety of the children during collection and dismissal if there are a number of parents who want to have lengthy discussions with them. I am sure that you will work to support us with this and avoid these times of the day for more detailed conversations.

Staying on the issue of safeguarding, we are also having an increasing amount of parents who are letting themselves in to classrooms whilst teaching is still going on. As I'm sure you are aware, this is not acceptable and is a clear safeguarding issue. The Year 3 and 4 classroom doors are the children's fire exits so we do not lock them; please respect the children's learning time and the staff who work in the classrooms, and wait in the playground to collect your child at the end of the day.

Thank you.

YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

We were treated to a very memorable assembly this morning from our Year 4 children. The theme was anti-bullying and the children did a really amazing job of getting message across that the best thing to do is talk to someone if they feel they are a victim of bullying. It was a very powerful message that the children gave and the feedback from parents was incredibly positive. Thank you to all parents who came and well done Year 4, you should be very proud!