



Four Acres Academy

Newsletter

03.11.17



Learning today for life tomorrow



"My life is a reading list." *By John Irving*

Attendance

Having your child in school and on time is very important. Research shows that children missing school are more likely to underachieve. Last year the attendance for the school went up, thank you to everyone who contributed towards this. However, attendance for term 1 this year was down on the previous year. One of the reasons was holidays being taken in term time. To ensure we are being consistent with other local schools we have asked them what they do if holidays are taken during term time. All of them follow the same policy, which is to send out penalty notices to families whose children take more than 8 half days (4 full days) unauthorised leave over a period. We will continue to follow this strategy and we are issuing penalty notices where they meet the criteria.

Change in school day after Christmas

At the beginning of term 3 we will be changing assembly times from the morning to the afternoon. Celebration assemblies will be at 2:30 on Friday and families are very welcome and encouraged to attend and share their children's successes. School starts at 8:45 and learning begins when children come into class. If your children are late in the morning they will be missing learning. Lateness will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Some classes are going to be trialling early start sessions at 8:30 for targeted groups of children. Please watch out on class Dojo to see if this includes your children.

Class Dojo

Have you signed up yet?
Thank you to all the families who have already signed up to Class Dojo. Passwords have been sent out to parents/carers to enable you to sign up to Class Dojo. If you are unsure how to do this please see your child's class teacher. Class Dojo enables you to monitor your child's performance and communicate with their teacher through a secure app on your phone, tablet or computer. Increasingly information on trips and events will be sent out on Dojo as well as photos of children's activities at school.
Sign up so you don't miss out!

Welcome back to Term 2.
This term finishes on Friday 15th December.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your circumstances change at any time please re-apply for free school meals either online or via Mrs Beacham in the office.
Please apply even if your child will not eat a school meal as your child gets additional funding for their education.
School meals cost £2.05 per child per day.

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

This week's winners are:

GOLD Foxes
SILVER Hedgehogs
BRONZE Owls



Poppies and poppy items will be on sale from the office from next Monday (6th Nov).

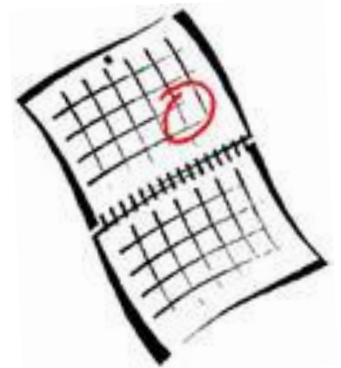
AWARD WINNERS

Violet Hares
Brandon Hayward
Rylan-Lee
Jorgie Tucker
Keaghn Hewitt
Cameron Leonard
Frankie Horton
Preedy-May Denyer
Chloe Tremlett
Curtis Ford
Bethany Ford
Michael Ralph
Arnie-Jacq Perrett
Denisa Kravcova
Shiloh Mullally
Layla Bamutaze
Mason Fennell
Keeley Rice
Jaymi-Leigh Penton
Morgan Pearce



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 7th November – Dragonflies 1 pupil photographs
Tuesday 7th November – Badgers & Falcons trip to Cardiff Castle
Wednesday 8th November – Year 6 Height & Weight Measurements by School Nurse
Friday 10th November – Science Display – 2:45pm in the Hall
Monday 13th November – Friday 17th November – ANTI BULLYING WEEK
Tuesday 14th November – Badgers start swimming
Friday 17th November – CHILDREN IN NEED
Friday 17th November – Parents Voice meeting – 2:00pm
Monday 20th – Friday 24th November – Anti-bullying Week
Thursday 23rd November – Book Fair
Friday 24th November – Flu Vaccinations for Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 & 4
Friday 1st December – Year 6 Life Skills trip
Thursday 7th December – CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Monday 11th December – Nursery Christmas sing-a-long – 2:15pm
Tuesday 12th December – KS1 Christmas performance – 2:00pm
Wednesday 13th December – KS1 Christmas performance – 10:00am
Wednesday 13th December – Reception Christmas sing-a-long – 2:00pm
Wednesday 13th December – KS2 Carol concert – 5:00pm
Thursday 14th December – Reception Christmas performance – 10:00am
Thursday 14th December – Nursery Christmas sing-a-long – 2:15pm
Friday 15th December – KS2 Carol concert – 2:15pm
Monday 18th December – Tuesday 2nd January 2018 – HALF TERM
Wednesday 10th January – ENERGY DAY
Tuesday 23rd January – Squirrels start swimming
Friday 26th January – Parents Voice meeting – 2:00pm
Friday 2nd February – ENTERPRISE DAY
Tuesday 6th February – SAFER INTERNET DAY
Wednesday 7th February – VALENTINES DISCO
Friday 9th February - INSET DAY
Monday 19th February – INSET DAY
Thursday 1st March – WORLD BOOK DAY
Tuesday 13th March – Parents Evening – 3:30pm-6:00pm
Wednesday 14th March – Parents Evening – 3:30pm-6:00pm
Friday 16th March – Parents Voice meeting – 2:00pm
Monday 19th – Friday 23rd March – ART FESTIVAL
Tuesday 20th March – Owls start swimming



TERM DATES 2017/2018

Term 2 **Monday 30th October '17 – Friday 15th December '17**
Term 3 **Tuesday 2nd January 2018 – Friday 9th February 2018**
Term 4 **Monday 19th February 2018 – Friday 23rd March 2018**
Term 5 **Monday 9th April 2018 – Friday 25th May 2018**
Term 6 **Monday 4th June 2018 – Tuesday 24th July 2018**

INSET DAYS 2017/2018

Friday 9th February 2018
Monday 19th February 2018
Monday 2nd July 2018