



Family News

November 2014

Dear Parents,

I can't believe how quickly this term has gone and that we are on countdown to Christmas.

I would like to say a very big **thank you** for all your support so far this year. I have had a fantastic response to the parent questionnaire, receiving more than ever before. Your thoughts about school are **greatly valued** and this helps us to improve. Feedback from previous communication with parents has helped us to make changes such as dates for events being sent out earlier in the year and the recent arrangements for severe weather.



On a different note, I am sure you have all heard about the cuts that the council are having to make to services due to a shortage in funding. One of the biggest cuts is to **children centres** and this will affect our community. As a school, we are **interested** in taking over the building in order to provide **more nursery** places. This would also include places for 2 year olds which we cannot offer at the moment as we simply do not have the space. The council is currently having a period of **consultation** about this issue and if you would like to have your say you can either visit http://cms.walsall.gov.uk/childrens_centre_consultation_2014 or call 01922 686513. I will keep you updated of any information I receive.



I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Christmas events and I hope you enjoy them.

Best Wishes

Mrs Westley

Dates for your Diary

More detailed information will be given closer to the dates below.

26th November - **Christmas Fayre**

2nd December - **Pantomime in School £1**

16th December - **KS2 Christmas Play – Afternoon** 1:30pm

16th December - **KS1 Christmas Play – Evening** 6pm

17th December - **KS1 Christmas Play – Afternoon** 2pm

17th December - **KS2 Christmas Play – Evening** 6pm

FS Plays—dates and times to follow

18th December - **Christmas Carol Service** 9:15am

18th December - **Christmas Parties in class**

19th December - **Break up for Christmas** 1:15pm

5th January - **Academy opens – start of Spring Term**

12th January - **Inset Day – Academy closed to children**

**Christmas Fayre -
Wednesday 26th Nov**



Class Dojo and Behaviour

Class Dojo is central to the brilliant behaviour of our children. We want children to be rewarded for making the **right choices**.

Children earn **green dojos** for showing behaviour such as:

- * Following instructions
- * Making a great contribution to a lesson
- * Showing respect (**worth 2 points!**)
- * Helping others

If they make a **wrong choice**, children are given a **red dojo**. Examples of behaviour that earns red dojos:

- * Shouting out
- * Disrespect
- * Hurting others

Each week, dojos are counted up and the class with the **highest percentage** earns 5 minutes extra playtime and the **Dojo Cup**.

Every point children earn counts towards an award:

- ◆ 250 points = bronze award
- ◆ **500 points = silver award**
- ◆ 750 points = gold award (Commando Joe inflatable assault course)
- ◆ **1000 points = platinum award (a special trip, e.g. cinema, ice skating)**

Children's points are counted up each term and children who reach these totals choose whether they want to spend them immediately or save them for another prize. All children who reach these totals will get a special certificate in the end of term assembly.

Academy Choir

Well done to our academy choir, Mrs Owen and Miss Neville who did a great job singing at St Thomas's Christmas Fayre. They will be taking part in the Young Voices concert in January, and we are sure they will be brilliant!



Anti Bullying Week

The third week of November was Anti-Bullying Week and of course we took part. Children were reminded of our STOP campaign:

Bullying is when someone does something nasty **Several Times On Purpose** and children know to **Start Telling Other People**.

In our Key Stage 2 assembly we've been reading and discussing 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. The message of the book is to encourage children to choose kindness. So we have been working on what kindness looks and sounds like.

Year 3 wrote this wonderful poem all about choosing kindness:

Choosing Kind by Year 3

Kind is sparkling silver.

It tastes like soft, strawberry ice cream.

It smells like beautiful flowers in your garden.

Kind looks like Jubilee Academy children playing together,
helping one another and showing respect.

It's the sound of friends sharing laughter.

Kind feels like a BIG LOVELY HUG!

For more information about the book and about choosing kind, follow the #ChooseKind hashtag on Twitter.

Impact Sessions

Thank you to everyone who attended the Y1, Y2 and Y6 Impact Sessions. They were a great success and from your comments we know that you really enjoyed them and found them useful. We will be doing similar events in the future, so keep your eyes peeled!

We have some used uniform available to buy with prices starting from £2. Please see the School Office for more information!

Governors' Corner



Dear Parents,

This month, one of our parent governors is sharing information about the kind of work he does in the academy, what being a governor involves and also how you can contact the governors here at the academy.



Dear Parents,

I want to introduce myself as a **Parent Governor**. I have two children at the school, one in year 5 and one in year 3, and I give up my time as a volunteer to be a governor at the school.

Governors work together to support the Principal and the academy staff but also to **challenge them** to make the academy **as good as it can possibly be**. Governors come from different backgrounds split into three categories, Community, Parent, and Staff Governors, but we are all volunteers and work together for the benefit of the academy and to be the link between the academy and the community it serves.

As one of three Parent Governors I'm a **link between the academy and parents**. This means I want to hear the views of other parents to make sure they are part of decisions made about the school. So please **feel free to speak to me**. I can be contacted via the academy office or just approach me for a chat.

Governors are also linked to particular areas to oversee. I am linked to children with **Special Educational Needs** and also the behaviour and safety of all of the pupils. Again if you have any comments or want to speak to me about these areas then please contact me.

Jon Roe
Parent Governor

