



## PARENT BULLETIN 16

### 20 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for all of your support over this term and 2024. This time of year is exhausting but full of fun and festive cheer. It is always magical to share this time of year with the children.

We have celebrated the Christmas period in school with 3 Nativities, 2 Christingle Services, 2 Christmas concerts and our whole school Carols on Tuesday. Our Choir have also performed at 3 external events and made lots of very special people very happy. Every one of the events has been amazing and the children have made us very proud. I would like to thank everyone who came to watch and hope that you are now feeling festive and fuzzy.

It goes without saying that our staff are amazing. Despite the many challenges we face in current times the staff always put your children and their happiness first. The children are very lucky to have these adults in their corner. We wish all our staff a very merry Christmas.

Thank you on behalf of all of the staff for all of our cards and gifts - they are very much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone for all your support with attendance this term. We are really proud that our attendance for the term is 95.8%! Alongside this, we also had 126 children achieve 100% attendance this term, a fantastic achievement! Each class was given a special 'Arnie' challenge – can they do even better in the Spring Term? We think they can!



We wish Mrs Khan all the best as she goes on maternity leave to have her little one, we can't wait for more cuddles when he finally arrives!

Our PE timetable has been jammed packed this term and this is going to continue into the Spring and Summer terms with all the hard work Mr O'Leary is doing to get more children into sports and sports teams to represent the academy. We are so proud of all those that have taken part and are excited to see how the sports teams develop. The PE Newsletter is attached with fixtures and results for everyone to see.

#### Enrichment Clubs (teacher led)

Enrichment clubs went live on yesterday and close on 6 Jan 2025 for bookings.

We cannot move or refund once booked so please ensure that you book the correct club.

We also expect all children to attend the club in full, these have limited spaces and it is unfair to take the place of another child who would have liked to do the club.

## Parents Evening

The Parents Evening bookings will go live on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December and close on the 31<sup>st</sup> January. An email was sent out yesterday with the booking guide and link.

## Back to School

We are back at school on the 6 January 2025.

Hot meal bookings will go live over the holidays so please keep an eye on your emails for this.



## Christmas Jumper Bank

You will have received a Christmas jumper donations email for the new year. We know how expensive this time of year can be and often the children grow so quickly and only wear a Christmas jumper a couple of times. We would like to build up a bank of Christmas jumpers that people can borrow and return if they don't want to or are unable to buy a new one. Sustainable fashion is a buzz word at the minute, and we would like to do our bit to support our families but also reduce the disposable fashion trend.

If you have Christmas jumpers that your child has outgrown, and you would like to donate them please drop them to the school office in the New Year and we would be happy to take them off your hands.

## Reflection

### A Reflection for the Fourth Sunday in Advent, Sunday December 22nd, 2024...

#### The Fourth Week of Advent Represents: Love

In this final week of Advent, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, may we marvel at God's great love for us. May this love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we meet.

#### *A Prayer for the Season of Advent*

*Loving God, we ask for your blessing on this season of Advent as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas.*

*We pray that Hope, Faith, Joy, and Love come into our world. Amen.*



## Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish Community

This week we send good wishes to our Jewish community who will celebrate Hanukkah during our time away from school. This year Hanukkah will begin at sunset on Wednesday, December 25, and continue through until Thursday, January 2, 2025. We wish you "Hanukkah sameach!", may this festival bring blessings upon you and your family.



Have a wonderful Christmas holiday and a fabulous New Year!

Best wishes.  
**Mrs C Baughan**



### **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT**

#### **SEND Support Phone Line - 01296 382135**

We are open every day between 10am and 4pm and until 6pm on Tuesdays. The line is for parents, professionals and anyone with enquiries about SEND in Buckinghamshire.

Please note that the support line is open between 10am and 2pm during school holidays and is closed on Bank Holidays.

#### **Primary SEND concerns**

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9\\_VtsKSZm5ilcidJiq5HlgRJQUZUMEVCuk1PMUZXRtg1UIIUUVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsKSZm5ilcidJiq5HlgRJQUZUMEVCuk1PMUZXRtg1UIIUUVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C)

#### **Free School Meals**

We now have an online free school meal application on our web site under the **Parents** tab. Please find the link below:

<https://www.theacademy.me/page/?title=SCHOOL+MEALS&pid=166>

We also have a dedicated FSM inbox - [freeschoolmeals@theacademy.me](mailto:freeschoolmeals@theacademy.me) - where parents can submit FSM forms if you prefer to complete the paper version instead of the online form.

For anyone who needs some support right now. ❤️

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Mind - 03001233393  
No Panic - 08449674848  
Bereavement - 08088081677  
PAPYRUS - 08000684141  
Samaritans - 116 123  
SHOUT - 85258  
Abuse - 080820005000  
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