



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy



Year 2 Newsletter

September 2017

Autumn 1

Learning in Year 2

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to Year 2.

The children will be learning about six main themes during their time in Year 2. These are as follows:

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| Autumn Term, 1 st Half-term: | Who Am I? |
| Autumn Term, 2 nd Half-term: | Compare and Contrast |
| Spring Term, 1 st Half-term: | Making a Difference |
| Spring Term, 2 nd Half-term: | What was it Like? |
| Summer Term, 1 st Half-term: | Sensational Safari |
| Summer Term, 2 nd Half-term: | Growing Together |

The children have discussed this term's topic with their teachers and been given the opportunity to say what activities they would like to include. These are as follows:

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| Miss Attenborough's class: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What were hospitals like in the past?• How do we change as we grow?• What job will I have when I am older?• Are there different ways to paint a portrait? | Mr Fogarty's class: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where does God live?• What was it like to be a nurse?• How can I calm myself down?• How have I changed since I was a baby? |
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An overview of learning can be found at the end of this newsletter.



Timetable Update

Staff are currently updating their timetables, and once they have been completed, copies will be put onto the school's website.

Swimming Lessons

The children in Year 2 will begin swimming lessons week beginning 11 September. Swimming for 2A will take place on a Friday afternoon and swimming for 2F will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. I should like to remind you that for reasons of hygiene and for the efficiency of the filter system, we require all children (boys and girls) to wear a swimming cap; you may purchase one from the school office for £1.50. Please note that jewellery (including earrings) may not be worn for Health and Safety reasons as even small items can block up our filter system. Please remember that all items, including swimming costumes, hats, bags and towels need to be clearly marked with your child's name.

As you will be aware, we do require help with changing the children from both classes and with collecting and returning the groups to their classrooms. If you are able to help with swimming sessions, please add your name to the timetable which is outside the classroom. **Without this vital support the lessons cannot go ahead – so please sign up, even if you are able to help for just one week!**

Universal Free School Meals

As you are aware, the Universal Free School Meals means that your child is entitled to a free hot lunch every day. When your child goes on a school trip, children will be provided with a school packed lunch, and you will be asked to choose a sandwich filling. Please ensure you keep us updated of any changes to your child's dietary requirements – the kitchen computer system informs the catering staff of any dietary requirements you have made known to us. As always, lunch menus are available on the school website.

Weekly Contributions (School Fund Contributions 2017-18)

Voluntary Contribution amounts for this term are as follows:

Weekly; £1.50

1st Half Term: £10.50

2nd Half Term: £10.50

Full Term: £21.00

Whole Year: £58.50

Curriculum Evening for Parents

We are holding a Curriculum Evening for parents at 7.00pm on Thursday 28 September. During the course of the meeting staff will give you some more detailed information about the curriculum in Year 2. They will also discuss how the work the children undertake in school can be enhanced and further developed through your support at home. Please note that this meeting is **not** suitable for children.

If there are any other items you would like us to tell you about, or anything about school you would like clarified, we are obviously happy to do this. Please let us know and complete the slip at the foot of this letter accordingly.

Parent Helpers in School

We are always very grateful for the support we receive from parents, and the help given by those of you who work alongside us in school is greatly appreciated and most beneficial to the children. For those parents who are interested in helping us in this way, there will be a brief meeting in the school hall on Friday 15 September at 9.00am which will be led by Mrs Butlin. The meeting is expected to last no longer than one hour. In order to help us with our planning please let us know, via the relevant slip at the end of this letter, if you will be attending this meeting. Even if you have helped in school before, we would still be grateful if you could join us.

Privacy Notice - Data Protection Act 1998

A copy of the Privacy Notice and Fair Processing Notice are available to read on the front page of the website, it also includes a link to the DfE and SMBC websites.

School Attendance & Late Arrival

At Streetsbrook we place a high emphasis on the importance of regular and punctual school attendance. We believe through good attendance at school, children will achieve higher attainment, have better opportunities and establish good habits that will support them throughout their lives.

The Government expects us to:

- Promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence (less than 90%)
- Ensure every child has access to full-time education, to which they are entitled, and
- Act early to address patterns of absence

To support us to secure good attendance for all of our children and to address concerns regarding any child's poor school attendance and punctuality, we are working with Central School Attendance and Welfare Service Ltd (CSAWS).

Your child may be referred to a CSAWS Attendance and Welfare Officer if their attendance and punctuality is causing concerns. They will then contact you by phone, letter or a home visit to discuss the school's concerns and how attendance and punctuality can be improved.

As you may already know, parents can be fined for taking their child on holiday in term time and I need to let you know that the government has shortened the period of time for payment of a penalty notice issued in relation to poor school attendance. As of 1 September 2013 the fine has been £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days, and £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

If your child arrives at school late (after 8.55am) then attendance will be marked with an 'L', signifying late arrival.

Our current Attendance Policy is available to view on the 'School Policies and Documentation' page of the school website.

School Nurse Suggests

I hope that a happy and healthy summer was enjoyed by everyone, as the children begin the new school year I would recommend using this as an opportunity to check up on their general health, are they up to date with their immunisations, have they been to the dentist recently and what about the optician. It is recommended that all children have a regular vision check at the optician, which is a free service and invaluable in detecting vision difficulties and monitoring the health of the eyes.

Please remember that you can contact your school nurse at any time via the clinic base or through your child's school if you would like any support or advice.

Bicycles & Scooters

Since the beginning of term there have been a number of children who have been riding bicycles and scooters across the playground, even though they all know that this is not allowed. Whilst we actively encourage the children to lead a healthy life style, which includes walking or cycling to school, in order to avoid any injuries to others all children must dismount from their bicycles/scooters outside the school gates and push them across the playground.

Car Parking in Ralph Road

If you travel to school by car, please be considerate when parking as we wish to maintain good relations with our neighbours. Parents should not park on the pavement or block resident's drives. May we also remind you that there is a voluntary no turning zone and a 20mph speed limit at drop off and collection times.

ParentPay – Meal Payments

For those children that attend Streetsbrook Childcare after school club, and that choose to have a hot tea – these meals are processed and charged via ParentPay – the service is known as 'Meals in Childcare', we do ask that your account be kept in credit at all times.

Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy
DIARY DATES - AUTUMN 2017

| Day | Date | Time | Activities |
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| SEPTEMBER | | | |
| Monday | 4 | | INSET DAY - School Closed to children in School & Childcare |
| Tuesday | 5 | | Children return to school Nursery & Reception – staggered intake |
| Friday | 8 | | All Nursery & Reception is as normal |
| Monday | 11 | 15:15 | Swimming commences for R, Y1 & 2 Childcare Magical Maths commences for 6 weeks – R1 classroom |
| Tuesday | 12 | | Football Club Commences |
| Wednesday | 13 | All Day | Year 1 Trip to Black County Museum |
| Thursday | 14 | 15:15 | Animated Gymnastics Club commences |
| Friday | 15 | 09:00 15:15 | New Parent Helper Meeting led by Mrs Butlin Animated Dance Club commences |
| Monday | 18 | 15:15 | Magical Maths - R1 classroom |
| Tuesday | 19 | AM & PM | Photos – All School/Individual & Family |
| Monday | 25 | 15:15 | Streetsbrook 60 th Birthday Celebrations Week Magical Maths - R1 classroom |
| Wednesday | 27 | 19:00 | Year 1 Curriculum Meeting for Parents |
| Thursday | 28 | AM 19:00 | Macmillan Coffee Morning – run by PTA (tbc) Year 2 Curriculum Meeting for Parents |
| OCTOBER | | | |
| Monday | 2 | 15:15 | Magical Maths - R1 classroom |
| Friday | 6 | 14:15 12:00 | Parent Partnership Meeting Eco Team Meeting & School Council Meeting |
| Monday | 9 | 15:15 | Magical Maths - R1 classroom |
| Tuesday | 10 | | Harvest Festival |
| Friday | 13 | 12:00 | Eco Team Meeting & School Council Meeting |
| Monday | 16 | 15:15 | Magical Maths - R1 classroom – last one |
| Tuesday | 17 | 09:00-10:00 16:00 onwards | Reception Reading Workshop for parents Parent Consultations (no football club) |
| Wednesday | 18 | 09:00-10:00 | PANTS Special Day Reception Reading Workshop for parents |
| Thursday | 19 | 09:00-10:00 16:00 onwards | Reception Reading Workshop for parents Parent Consultations |
| Friday | 20 | | INSET DAY - School Closed to children in School |
| 23 – 27 October HALF TERM | | | |
| NOVEMBER | | | |
| Wednesday | 8 | 18:30-19:30 | Year 1 'Supporting Phonics & Writing at Home' Workshop for parents |
| Thursday | 9 | 09:00-10:00 | Year 1 'Supporting Phonics & Writing at Home' Workshop for parents |
| Friday | 10 | 12:00 09:00-10:00 | Eco Team Meeting & School Council Meeting Year 1 'Supporting Phonics & Writing at Home' Workshop for parents |
| Friday | 24 | PM | PTA Christmas Fair |
| Wednesday | 29 | 18:30-19:30 | Year 2 Mathematics Workshop for parents |
| Thursday | 30 | 09:00-10:00 17:30 | Year 2 Mathematics Workshop for parents Full Governing Body Meeting |
| DECEMBER | | | |
| Friday | 1 | 09:00 | Parent Partnership Meeting |
| Tuesday | 5 | 13:00-15:15 | Year 1 to St James Church – Journey to the Stable |
| Wednesday | 6 | 14:15 | Reception Christmas Performance |
| Thursday | 7 | 10:00 | Reception Christmas Performance |
| Friday | 8 | AM & PM 12:00 | Christmas Performance – Nursery Eco Team Meeting & School Council Meeting |
| Wednesday | 13 | AM | KS1 Christmas Production – Dress Rehearsal |
| Thursday | 14 | 18:15 | KS1 Christmas Production – Evening |
| Friday | 15 | Afternoon | KS1 Christmas Production – Day |
| Tues | 19 | | Last day of Term |

Academic Year 2017-18

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

- Term Starts Monday 4 September 2017
- Half Term Monday 23 October - Friday 27 October 2017
- Term Ends Tuesday 19 December 2017

Spring Term 2018

- Term Starts Wednesday 3 January 2018
- Half Term Monday 19 February - Friday 23 February 2018
- Term Ends Thursday 29 March 2018

Summer Term 2018

- Term Starts Monday 16 April 2018
- Half Term Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June 2018
- Term Ends Tuesday 24 July 2018

INSET DAYS

- Monday 4 September (Childcare also closed)
- Friday 20 October
- Wednesday 3 January (Childcare also closed)
- Monday 16 April
- Thursday 3 May (Childcare also closed)

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Reply Slip - Year 2 Curriculum Evening for Parents

Child's Name: Class:

I/We will be able to attend the Year 2 Curriculum Evening on Thursday 28 September at 7.00pm.

On the evening I would appreciate being given information about:

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(Remember - if you would welcome additional information about something, other parents probably would too!)

Signed:Parent

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Child's Name: Class:

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Signed:.....Parent