

TDA Junior Newsletter

1st March 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back I hope you have had a lovely holiday. Here we are half way through the Spring term already. The children have settled in well to their new way of learning '**Power Teaching and Learning**'. The children are grouped in English and Maths in accordance with their ability. Teaching in this way engages learners, encourages interdependence, develops language skills and motivates achievement. This ensures that teaching meets the needs of the children and aids accelerated progress, ensuring that each child has an equal opportunity for success.

We have lots of exciting events and visits taking place in the coming weeks. More details will follow. Just a reminder, please make sure that your children come to school with their PE kit fully named at the beginning of the week. This means it is in school when they need it.



Look out for

Year 5 are visiting the National Space Centre, Tyson Class are visiting Pizza Express and the whole school will be visiting the Farm and Food Festival at the East of England Showground. A letter with all the details will be sent home at a later date. As you know, some of our Year 6 children will be going on our residential visit to Kingswood in June. A letter will be sent out with all the information that you will need nearer the time. Can I remind you that the final/total payment needs to be paid by **1st April**.

Dropping Off and Collecting Children

Please could parents/carers use the Queen's Gardens entrance to the Academy when dropping off and picking up children. Other access points are for pedestrian use only. Please remember if your child is at school without an adult before 8:40 a.m. they will be put into Breakfast Club and you will be charged.

Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings are taking place on Wednesday 20th March and Thursday 21st March. These are important opportunities to share your child's progress and discuss how we can work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child. A letter with more details will be sent out next week.



Lunch Menu

As you are aware, we have introduced 'Jacket Potato' as a choice to our weekly menu with a variety of fillings, and is proving popular with the children. The menus are available on the website, and a copy is on display at the Junior reception.



School Nurse Drop In Session

A school nurse drop in session has been arranged this term for the morning of 20th March from 9:30 – 12:00 mid-day. If anyone would like to make an appointment, please see a member of staff in the Reception office.



In line with our new 'Power Teaching and Learning' we will be holding a Celebration Assembly at the end of each 8-week cycle. If your child is receiving an award, you will receive a text message inviting you to attend. This will replace the weekly Achievement Assemblies that we held previously.

Enrichment Clubs

Letters have already been sent out to the children that have joined the new sports clubs and these will start next week.

The current Star STEM Club will have their last session on Monday 11th March. You will be sent a letter inviting you to the assembly where your child will be presented with their certificate, at a later date.

Pupil Premium Funding

The government directs funding into schools according to the number of children who have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at some point in their primary school life, are designated as 'looked after children' or have parents currently in the Armed Forces.



If you feel your child may be eligible for Free School Meals because of your family's income level, please ask for a form from the office. Even if you do not wish them to have the meals, this would mean the school could still claim Pupil Premium funding that will be used to help your child in a whole host of different ways. For example, you could receive help towards Educational Visits; After School Clubs; Sporting Enrichment Clubs and as a school, we care that you as parents are receiving the help that you need to enrich your child's education.

Place2Be – Children's Mental Health Fund Raising

A big thank you to everyone who helped us raise £137.31 last term for Place2Be. The charity works across England supporting children, parents and school staff with mental health and emotional well-being issues.

Please Note: Dogs are not allowed on school property even if they are on a lead. Thank you.

We break up for the Easter holidays on Friday 5th April the school will re-open to the children on Wednesday 24th April 2019.