



Acton CE Primary Academy

Parents' Newsletter 8

*To develop the learners for tomorrow and equip them with skills to flourish for
'nothing is impossible with God'-Luke 1:37*

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break and got to spend some time with your family and friends. We have a very busy term ahead with lots of exciting events taking place.

Staffing update

I am very pleased to announce that North West Academy Trust have been successful in appointing a new Head of School from September. Mr Chris Addlington will take up the position from the new academic year. Chris has already met the School Council and head boy and girl, who asked some extremely difficult questions as part of the interview process. They were very impressed by his answers and he made a good impression on the children. I will be supporting Chris in my new role as Deputy Head Teacher from September in order to strengthen the senior leadership team even further.

Baby Joy!

I am very pleased to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Gregory's beautiful baby girl, Maisie Gregory. Both mother and baby are doing very well indeed. We cannot wait for cuddles in the near future.

Building update

Unfortunately, we have had a set back with the Year 3/4 classroom refurbishments due to damage found with the old floor boards in one of the rooms. We are working with the DFE to try and raise some emergency funding to repair the damage as quickly as we can so the rooms can get refurbished. I appreciate this is not an ideal situation as it means that Year 3 and 4 will need to continue to be taught in the hall until the rooms are completed, but the repairs must go ahead. Please be reassured that the children are being taught a full curriculum at our usual high level. I have to say, having spent time with the children, they are enjoying their time in the hall and learning and outcomes continue to flourish. I will keep you updated with dates and timeframes once I have been given them.

Easter Service

You all warmly invited to our Easter service at St Mary's Church on Thursday 21st April at 2pm.

Key stage 1 trip

I am pleased to say that Reception and Key Stage One, will be taken on a fun filled day to Bewilderwood on 26th May 2022. Further information will follow regarding the event.

SATs

SATs for our wonderful Year 6 will take place week beginning 9th May. The timetable is as follows:

Monday 9 May 2022	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 1 Spelling Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 2
Tuesday 10 May 2022	English Reading
Wednesday 11 May 2022	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 12 May 2022	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Please reassure you child that there is nothing to worry about and that these tests are just to confirm how wonderful we know they are. I am blown away with how hard the children have worked towards them and I know no matter the outcome how proud we all are of them.

Parking

We have noticed once again, cars parking on the main road or at the end of the staff car park. Sadly, we now have had to involve the PSCO and traffic wardens to help the school monitor the situation as we are very concerned about the risk to our children. Please DO NOT park outside the school for any reason. This includes pulling into the bus stop.

Healthy Snacks and Water

Can I remind you that only healthy snacks and water are allowed into school. Please do not provide your child with juice or cordial. We have plenty of fresh water available in the class water fountains.

PE Kits and school shoes.

It has been brought to my attention that some children are not wearing their PE kits for active 30 or PE. I have also noted several children not wearing black school shoes with their uniform. Can I remind you that your child needs to be wearing the correct school shoes and PE kits as part of our uniform policy. If you need any support with uniforms please contact the school office or FOAs who may be able to support you.

Lost Property

We are amazed with the amount of lost property that the children have left behind this half term. So much so, that our storage boxes are overflowing. If you are missing any clothing, please ask your children to check their class lost property boxes.

Summer Term:

Now the Summer Term has arrived please can you ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school and a sun hat on sunny days (I am being hopeful for lovely weather). We are hoping to be spending much more time on the field. if your child suffers from hay fever, please can you ensure they are given medication before school. Thank you.

Dates are as follows:

19th April	Return to school
21 st April	Easter Service at St Mary's Church 2pm
21 st April	Judo starts for 5 weeks.
25 th April	Year 6 NFER test day
26 th April	Author Visit
28 th April	Year 3/4 Onsite residential
29 th April	Year 2 swimming commences.
2 nd May	Bank Holiday
9 th May	SATs week
16 th May	Boxing Year 5 and 6.

As always, if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Rachael McKinlay
Head of School