



# September 2020

## Newsletter



### Diary Dates

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<b>3rd</b>	Pupils return to school
<b>11th</b>	Curriculum newsletters shared
<b>18th</b>	11+ paper 1
<b>21st</b>	Home learning start date
<b>25th</b>	11+ paper 2
<b>26th</b>	School photographs
<b>w/c 28th</b>	IEP reviews

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#### October 2020

<b>13th</b>	Parents Evening 1
<b>15th</b>	Parents Evening 2
<b>22nd</b>	Last day of term



### Welcome back to the Autumn Term

After an unusual end to our last academic year, it has been an absolute joy to welcome back all of our pupils this September. We are all so incredibly proud of the confidence and resilience shown by our pupils and have loved welcoming their smiling faces into our classrooms each day. Thank you for all the work that has taken place at home to prepare the children so positively for their return to school, this really has made the world of difference.

### COVID-19

As you will already be aware, there are many measures currently in place within school to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. These include increased hand washing, a 20 minute drop off and collection window to stagger the number of parents on site, a one way system, staggered break times and many other small adaptations to our daily routines to ensure that children and staff are safe. We are grateful for your continued support of these measures and for your understanding and patience as new rules and routines have been implemented. Clear guidance has been issued in a separate letter regarding illness and when you may need to self-isolate and get a test.





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### Staffing

We are delighted to welcome several new members of staff to the Academy this year. Mr Dickson has joined our Year 6 teaching team and Mrs Wilkinson is teaching in Year 1. We welcome Mrs Fender and Miss Mercer as teaching assistants in Year 2 and Year 3. We welcome Miss Whitman, Miss Munton and Mrs Matson in Year 4, Year 3 and Reception into their roles supporting children. We offer congratulations to Miss Houlby who is now on her teaching training journey in Year 1 and Miss Cassidy who is teacher training in Year 5. Miss Bownes takes on a new role this year as a teaching assistant in Reception.

### Congratulation to Miss Hickling

Miss Hickling welcomed her baby boy Owen on the 12th August. I am sure you will all join us in wishing her the best in her exciting new journey and we hope to see her and baby Owen soon.

### SeeSaw

All of the staff team have been busy setting up their new classes on SeeSaw and ensuring all children have remote access to this learning platform if needed. We will be sharing things like homework and home boards via this platform this year as well as the children's learning in school and at home.

We kindly remind parents that SeeSaw is a platform for sharing learning only, and not a tool for communication between parents and the class teacher. Our teaching team spend many hours beyond the school day planning, marking and assessing pupil work and we do not expect them to respond to questions raised via SeeSaw in addition.

Please do feel free to raise any queries with the teacher at the classroom door in the morning or afternoon or through the school office. Mrs Broadley, Mrs Younger and Mrs Dexter are also always available should you have any questions.

### Home boards

This year, our EYFS and KS1 'Home boards' that were previously displayed on the playground outside of the classrooms, will now be shared digitally via SeeSaw. We hope that this will help facilitate conversations about the school day with your child and give you an insight into their learning each day.

### Home learning and Curriculum newsletters

Home learning will be sent home for all pupils from Monday 21st September. This will be shared via SeeSaw this year, rather than sent home in paper format. We will also be sharing curriculum newsletters which will contain an overview of the areas being studied by your child during the Autumn term. As always, information about your child's learning each term is available on the Academy website and regular photographs of the learning that takes place daily is uploaded to our Academy Facebook page.



### Care Plans

Over the next few weeks, all care plans held within the Academy will be reviewed. If your child currently has a care plan, please keep an eye out in your child's book bag for a copy of this plan and a letter explaining how to share any updates with us for this Academic year.

If your child does not currently have a care plan but you feel that this is necessary in order to keep them safe and well at school, please do not hesitate to contact us and we can arrange for a plan to be put in place.



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### Reading books

As shared last year, our reading book system has changed slightly from in previous years. Please see below for the books you can expect your child to have in their book bag:

Reception & Y1	1 x Phonics book bag book that your child can read to you.  1 x Reading for pleasure book to share with your child.
Y2 & Y3	1 x Phonics book <b>or</b> Book Blog Book  1 x Reading for pleasure book.
Y4,5 6	1 x Book Blog Book.  1 x Reading for pleasure book.

### Water bottles

Please can we take this opportunity to kindly remind you that water bottles are to be filled with water as opposed to juice whilst pupils are in school. Although pupils can be provided with juice at lunchtimes, we work hard to promote healthy lifestyles and consistency for all children. Additionally, we find juice to be very difficult to clean up if accidentally spilt within the classroom. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### Football Gloves

This term, most playtimes and lunchtimes will continue to take place on the playground. However, if the weather allows, children may be able to play on the field. During this time, if children choose to play football, they will only be allowed to play in goal if they have appropriate gloves.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide children with gloves due to the COVID-19 protective measures in place. Therefore, if children wish to play in goal, please ensure that they bring their own suitable gloves to wear. It will be their responsibility to ensure they are wearing these should they choose to play in goal.

### Star of the Week

One of the many protective measures in place in school at the moment is that children are not gathering in the hall for assemblies. This means that unfortunately, we will not be inviting parents in for our Friday star of the week celebrations. For now, we have altered the format of the certificate slightly to allow the teacher to write a more detailed reason on the back of the certificate for you to read when these are brought home. We hope to be in a position to invite parents in to share this celebration again soon.

### A message to our new parents

Although starting school is an exciting time, we understand that it can also be a little daunting for both parents and pupils. We strive to ensure that starting school is an enjoyable experience and look forward to working with you to achieve this. Please do not hesitate to contact the Academy if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Broadley





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TERM DATES 2019/2020

Term 1 (Autumn 2019)	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b> (Staff Training Day: 3 <sup>rd</sup> September)
Term 2 (Autumn 2019)	<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Term 3 (Spring 2020)	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b> (Staff Training Day: 14 <sup>th</sup> February)
Term 4 (Spring 2020)	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> (Staff Training Day: 3 <sup>rd</sup> April)
Term 5 (Summer 2020)	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> Bank Holidays: Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May and Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
Term 6 (Summer 2020)	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>