



# Academy News Update

12 March 2024

## Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have several exciting plans and changes happening over March that we need to keep you informed about so an extra newsletter is in order.

### Staffing

Firstly, we are pleased to announce some appointments to the Support Staff team. Greg Kuznair will be joining us as Site Manager, hopefully starting just before the Easter Break. This has come just at the right time as the Refurbishment Project starts over the holiday (more of this further on) You may well see him on the play ground in the morning so please extend our usual warm Hillary welcome to him.

Secondly, Sarah Ludden will be starting as a Receptionist in the office. Sarah will be working through the mornings and will have some specific responsibilities managing attendance of pupils.

### Parents' Evening

Parent's Evening is happening on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of March as previously advised. If you haven't got your login for the booking system on the website, please contact the office. You should have received a text earlier last week to advise you how to book an appointment.

### Parent Questionnaire

You will shortly receive a link via text to complete the Annual Parent Questionnaire. There is a big change this year in that the Questionnaire is set by the Trust; you therefore have to navigate to our school's survey before starting to complete it. This means there are fewer questions bespoke to our school and the things we have been working on- however we did survey you about the Curriculum earlier this year and, the ideas from there have fed in to our improvement plans. So thank you for those constructive responses. The Parent Questionnaire closes on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March which is just after parent's evening. Some of you may want to wait until after you have seen your class teachers before commenting- we will keep sending reminders out.

### Refurbishment

Over this term we have been making plans with the Trust for a complete refurbishment of the inside of the school. The whole project will take three years in all, and absolutely every space of the school will be renovated. This Easter Holiday sees the start with some of the classrooms which



need least work- those being Mr Plant's and Ms Howard's rooms. Things will go quiet for a few weeks and then we hope to have a mobile classroom brought on to site. This will enable us to work round the school during term time, classroom by classroom, decanting classes to the mobile whilst their rooms are being worked on. By the summer we hope to have also refurbished the Y5 & 6 classrooms. These are amongst the most needed places for improvement in school. Separately and during the holidays, the classrooms we cannot vacate in term time, the toilets, and the corridors will be being updated.

## **Holiday Club**

Hopefully you will have seen the publicity about the Holiday Club we are putting on with the excellent people from Lync Active. Get your bookings in ASAP.

For those families receiving or ever having received free school meals, there are 30 free places by quoting your HAF pin-number. If you are eligible you should have received the PIN from the Local Authority already but if not or you have forgotten it, ring 0300 500 8080 during Office Hours to receive it.

## **Coffee Morning**

Don't forget our coffee morning - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> with Kerry from the Bassetlaw Behaviour Partnership.

## **Find Us On Facebook – don't forget to Marvellous Me!- earn Team Points for your children**

The Facebook page is really growing- so thank you to those who have Liked and Shared- it's great to have a platform where we can properly celebrate what's going on in school, rather than having to delve into the website. Also, Marvellous Me is being used very regularly now and children are earning Team Points every time a parent High Fives the Teacher back. So, earn some extra points for your children – it is a gift that keeps giving!

## **Archie Dobson's War**

And finally, we are very excited for the Y5 performance coming up on 26<sup>th</sup> March- Archie Dobson's War. It sounds like it is going to be an interesting evening and the children are getting very enthusiastic about performing for you.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Guest

Head Teacher