

# Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER** 

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Streetsbrook Value of the Term

Happiness

# **SCHOOL SITE & SECURITY GATES**

May we take this opportunity to remind parents about our security gates. All gates are locked at 9.15am. The back gate must always be pushed to, enabling the office staff to lock it remotely. The main pedestrian entrance gate is re-opened at 11.30am for Morning Nursery collections and will close at 12.30pm following the Afternoon Nursery drop off. The gates are re-opened from 3.00-3.30pm.

May we remind parents that 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. For the same reason, ball games are also prohibited at drop off and collection times.

EPTION

#### SCHOOL OFFICE

The school office is open for enquiries between 8.30-9.15am and 3.00-4.00pm.

#### **PARKING**

As mentioned on the termly newsletter, we do ask for your consideration when parking on the roads surrounding school. We endeavour to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours and therefore ask that you do not block residents driveways. For obvious health and safety reasons, we ask that a 20mph speed is adhered to at drop off and collection times as well as a 'no turning' zone. Please drive to either end of Ralph Road to turn around if needed – thank you.

### **SCHOOL NURSE**

Our School Nurse, Louise Worrall, is on hand to meet with parents and help with any sleeping/eating or general queries you may have. If you would like an appointment with the school nurse before then, please come to the office and we will help to arrange this.



# MAGICAL MATHS CLUB COLLECTION From

Monday, please can parents collecting from Magical Maths wait on the front playground at 4.15pm. Children will now be dismissed from the main entrance. Thank you

#### **COMPUTER MONITOR PLEA**

We are in desperate need of a computer monitor. Does anyone have one that they no longer need, and could donate to school? Please contact the school office if you have one. Thank you.



Children and staff will be celebrating the school's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a special week from 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September. You will be pleased to know that there will be no dressing up days and further details will follow next week.

#### **DIARY DATES: SEPTEMBER**

Monday 18 - 3.15pm - Magical Maths Tuesday 19 - All School Photographs

Monday 25 - Streetsbrook 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Celebrations Week
- 3.15pm Magical Maths

Wednesday 27 -7.00pm - Year 1 Curriculum Meeting
Thursday 28 - MacMillan Coffee Morning (tbc)

- 7.00pm - Year 2 Curriculum Meeting



# YEAR 2



We have had a super first full week in Year 2, with one of the highlights being when we were visited by Samuel's Mum and Nicholas' Dad, as they joined us to talk about their jobs and the skills they need to do them.





We are really grateful that they could give up their time to help inspire the children. Special thanks also to Mrs Abbots who talked about her previous career as a Police Officer.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the first swimming helpers of the term, as well as those who assisted with the Year Fit 4 School baseline assessments.

The weekly goings on of life in Year 2 are well underway, so please ensure swimming and PE kits are in school, as well as home readers being kept in book bags so they can be swapped weekly.

# RECEPTION

The children have had a fabulous first full week in Reception. We are very proud of them all!



We began Guided Reading this week and all children will have brought home a reading diary and two home reader books. We hope that the children have enjoyed sharing these with you at home. PLEASE make sure that home reader books are returned each Monday morning.

Could we also request that water bottles only contain water and are not carried in book-bags as this often leads to damage to books. Throughout the week we have been thinking about our topic 'Ahoy There'. We have been exploring the bottom of the deep blue sea and recording what we saw. The children had the opportunity to share their existing knowledge and have devised some questions linked to the topic which we hope to find the answer to in the coming weeks.

You may be aware that the children had their first Fit4Schools Testing session where the children had to complete a series of short physical challenges. They will revisit these challenges termly with the aim of improving on their score.

We look forward to next week where we will be researching a range of creatures that live in the sea. If your child would like to share any linked resources to this e.g. books we would love to share them.

# **NURSERY**



Wow! What a fantastic start to the new school year. Nursery have settled in brilliantly and we are so proud of each and every one of them. The children are all eager to learn the Nursery routines and are already showing great independent skills. They have enjoyed telling us all about themselves and their favourite things to do. Next week we will begin to look at ourselves and how we are the same and different. We will also be talking about our favourite toys and the children will be using a variety of media to recreate them.

**Plea:** To help them with this, please could you send in a photograph of your child with their favourite toy, this will also help prompt discussions. We would like to thank all parents for your support this week with settling your children into Nursery. Our next step is to see if we can say goodbye to our grown ups at the Nursery door.









## YEAR 1

The children have had a fantastic first two weeks settling into Year 1. We especially enjoyed our trip to The Black Country Museum, the children visited the Victorian school and have been talking about how the classroom differs to their school experience today. We are not sure any of the children would have enjoyed attending school during the Victorian times! The children were also encouraged to compare poor and rich houses and belongings.



In phonic lessons, we have started to recap phase four of the Letters and Sounds scheme of work. Please could you regularly recap phase two and three sounds and related tricky words at home. In English, the children have been learning how to write a recount and have used their trip experience as a stimulus.

Next week the children will be learning more about how to write labels and captions. On Monday, the children will be taking part in Reciprocal Reading and they will receive their first home reader.