Civitas Academy Bulletin

07/10/19



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| Friday 11th October: Wear your own clothes if an item of dried/ canned food is brought in for the Harvest Collection.  |

**Welcome from Mr Wieder**

Last week we held our Tapestry Workshop for families in Reception and I hosted my first question and answer session of the year. At the meeting and through conversations with other parents this week, I have been provided with some really useful feedback that we can work on to make further improvements this academic year. I will summarise the main points later in the bulletin.

This coming week, I will be running a workshop for parents on the MyMaths homework system for children in years 1 to 4. This will be held in the school hall at 9am. Flu immunisation jabs will be taking place on Tuesday this week for children who have returned the forms. Our harvest collection for New Beginnings will be taking place on Friday.

**Head of School Question and Answer Session**

Please find a summary of the issues identified and planned set of actions from the recent Q and A session held last week.

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| **Issue**  | **Planned Action** |
| Families are still having problems with using the Tucasi/ Scopay system. | A workshop and surgery will be held by Mrs Lelliott on Wednesday 23rd October. At this meeting, Mrs Lelliott will share with you how Tucasi works and troubleshoot any outstanding issues families may have. |
| Further opportunities were requested to see learning in action. | We currently have two occasions in the school year where parents are invited in to view learning taking place in the Spring term. I will be discussing with staff in the future if there are other opportunities throughout the year that we can plan in. |
| Further opportunities shared on the website/ bulletin about how parents could support their child with learning at home. | We will add more content to our website in the coming months to address this. I will also aim to include some items in forthcoming bulletins as well. |
| More workshops for parents. | We have a series of workshops planned in the next few weeks (MyMaths and Accelerated Reader). I will discuss with staff and look to plan in more over the course of the academic year. |

I would like to thank all families that contributed and that I value all feedback received.

**My Maths Parent Workshop (Y1-Y4)**

The parent workshop will take place on Wednesday 9th October at 9am. My Maths is an online system used for completing homework at the school.

**Harvest Collection**

On Friday 11th October, we will be collecting tins or packets of food to donate to New Beginnings. Children who bring in an item of food will be able to wear their own clothes for the day.

**P.E. Notices from Miss Vaal**

Now the weather is getting colder children will need to bring black trousers and PE hoodies for lessons.

We are looking for volunteers to support with walking the Y4 children to the swimming pool on Wednesday mornings. Please speak to Miss Vaal if you are able to assist.

**Reading FC ticketing scheme** – for discounted tickets for the game against Preston North End on Saturday 19th October at 3pm. Contact the ticketing office and quote the code CAS-1920-1.

**Individual School Photographs**

This will be taking place on Monday 14th October.

**Accelerated Reader Workshop (Y3 and Y4)**

This is the individual reading system used from Y3 upwards. A workshop for parents will be held on Thursday 17th October.

**Project Celebrations/Parent Appreciation: Monday 21st October**

Project celebrations are when families are invited in to celebrate their children’s work at the end of each half term. These take place in classrooms between 3:30 and 4pm. On this occasion we will also be staying open for families to meet in the hall until 4:30pm. Families are invited to bring food into share.

**2019-20 Key Dates**

**Autumn**

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| **Date and Time** | **Event** |
| Tuesday 8th October | Flu Immunisation Jabs |
| Wednesday 9th October(9-9:30am) | MyMaths workshop for parents and carers in Y1-Y4 |
| Friday 11th October | Harvest Collection: Bring a tin or packet to wear your own clothes in school |
| Monday 14th October | Individual School Photographs |
| Thursday 17th October (9-9:30am) | Accelerated Reader workshop for parents and carers in Y3 and Y4 |
| Monday 21st October (3:30-4pm) | Project Celebrations (Reception- Year 4) |
| Monday 21st October (3:30-4:30pm) | Parent Appreciation (Please bring food to share) |
| Wednesday 23rd October (9am) | Tucasi Workshop for parents |
| Thursday 24th October (9-9:30am) | Y1 Diwali Assembly |
| Wednesday 6th November (3:30-6pm) | Parents Evening |
| Thursday 7th November (3:30-6pm) | Parents Evening |
| Monday 11th- Friday 15th November | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Friday 15h November | Dress in blue clothes for Anti-Bullying Day |
| Monday 18th- Friday 22nd November | Road Safety Week |
| Friday 29th November (3:30-4pm) | Art Exhibition/ Christmas Fair |
| Friday 6th December | Autumn Clubs Finish |
| Friday 13th December | Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day |
| Monday 16th December (3:30-4pm) | Project Celebrations (Reception-Year 4) |
| Tuesday 17th December (9:15-10am) | Christmas Performance (Dress Rehearsal suitable for families with young children) |
| Wednesday 18th December (9:15-10am) | Christmas Performance (No young children please) |
| Friday 20th December | Last Day of Term |

**Spring**

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| **Date and Time** | **Event** |
| Monday 6th January | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 7th January | Children return to school |
| Monday 13th January (3:30pm- 4pm) | Term Overview Meeting |
| Wednesday 15th January (9-9:30am) | Question and Answer Session with Head of School |
| Friday 30th January (To be confirmed) | NSPCC Number Day (parents welcome to spend upto 9:25am in classes to join in with maths activities. Children can come in wearing clothes with numbers on for £1 donation to NSPCC) |
| Monday 10th February (3:30pm-4pm) | Project Celebrations |
| Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February | Half Term |
| Thursday 5th March | World Book Day (parents welcome to spend upto 9:25am in classes to join in with reading activities. Children can come in dressed as a book character) |
| Wednesday 11th March (3:30-6pm) | Parents’ Evening |
| Thursday 12th March (3:30-6pm) | Parents’ Evening |
| Friday 13th March | Sports Relief |
| Monday 30th March (3:30pm-4pm) | Project Celebrations |
| Thursday 2nd April | Y3 Easter Assembly |
| Friday 3rd April | End of Term |

**Summer**

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| **Date and Time** | **Event** |
| Monday 20th April | Children return to school |
| Monday 27th April (3:30-4pm) | Term Overview Meeting |
| Thursday 7th May (9am-9:30am) | Question and Answer Session with Head of School |
| Monday 18th May (3:30-4pm) | Project Celebration |
| Monday 18th- Friday 22nd May | Mental Health Week |
| Monday 25th-Friday 29th May | Half Term |
| Thursday 4th June (9:10- 9:40am) | Y2 Eid Assembly |
| Monday 8th-Friday 12th June | Cultural Diversity Week |
| Friday 12th June | International Day |
| Friday 12th June (3:30-4pm) | International Food Festival |
| Tuesday 30th June (AM) | Sports Day |
| Wednesday 1st July | Transition Day |
| Friday 3rd July | Sports Day (Reserve date in case of bad weather on Tuesday 30th June) |
| Thursday 9th July | Question and Answer Session with Head of School |
| Friday 10th July  | Reports Out |
| Friday 17th July | Last day of term for children |