



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that everyone had a wonderful half term break; the children have been telling me about some of the things they were up to during their week away from school! Monday night's disco was a huge success with so many magical outfits – I know the judges of 'best dressed' were spoilt for choice. Thank you for taking the time to get all of the children looking so great for this well-loved event. This is one of the busiest terms of the year...Christmas events, parents' evenings and fundraisers all take place between now and the new year. I am looking forward to another successful term and as always, thank you for your support of all we strive to achieve here at the academy.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Maxine Rizk  
Head Teacher



### PARENTS' EVENINGS

**Monday November 13<sup>th</sup> 3.15pm to 5.15pm**

**Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm to 7.00pm**



To book an appointment, call into the school office, telephone the office on 234792 or put a note into your child's planner. Appointments are for 10 minutes only. Please do not be offended if the teacher moves on to their next appointment. You like us to keep on time so we will do our very best to make this happen! *Tea and coffee will be available in the main entrance.*



### ASSESSMENT PROFILES



Your child's assessment profile will be coming home on Monday and should be returned by Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a valuable record of your child's progress and we hope you enjoy looking at their achievements. Please complete the parent comment section. We do value your opinions and would welcome any changes you feel we should make to the books. We hope that these books show you how your child has settled in their new classrooms and give you some information ahead of parents' evening.



### PICTURE PERFECT!

Tempest Photography will be in school in

**NOVEMBER**

This will be for individual school pictures, as well as family/sibling photographs.

Date to follow.



### EDUCATIONAL VISITS



We are pleased to continue to offer an array of visits for your child to enjoy.

As you are aware, the deadline for the next £10 contribution is:

**THURSDAY JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> 2017**

## JOIN OUR ACADEMY – 2018 RECEPTION & NURSERY PLACES

Please note that the system is now open to secure your Reception class place for September 2018. Even if your child is in our nursery now – you still need to apply for their Reception place for next year. If you, or someone you know, would like a Nursery place for September 2018, we will continue to provide full time Nursery, 5 days a week, rather than the standard 15 hours. All applications should be made by visiting:

[www.stoke.gov.uk](http://www.stoke.gov.uk) and following the link to School Admissions. Reception applications could be made from October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Nursery applications start today!

If anyone would like to make arrangements to see the academy in action – appointments can be made at the school office!

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE ARRANGEMENTS



Early Years Christmas Performances: December 4<sup>th</sup> (9.15am & 2.00pm) – Nursery and Reception.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances: December 8<sup>th</sup> (9.15am & 2.00pm) – Year 1 & Year 2

Key Stage 2 Christmas Performances: December 6<sup>th</sup> (9.15am & 2.00pm) Year 3 & Year 4, December 5<sup>th</sup> (Years 5 and 6)

*There will be a crèche facility available at every performance for all preschool children. Places should be booked at the school office before the performance. Please note that children will **NOT** be able to sit in the audience.*

*Tickets will be on sale from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November and will cost £1.50 each. This ticket doubles up as your raffle ticket so please put your name on the back. The raffle will be drawn after each performance.*

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE – FRIDAY DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 – 3.15 to 5.00pm

Our very first Christmas event will be the Christmas Fayre – an event I know is enjoyed by children, parents and staff alike! There will be all of the children's favourite stalls for them to enjoy at this event, so please make a note in your diaries so that you are able to join us and get into the Christmas spirit!

Mrs Birks will be in touch in the coming weeks with further information.

### NON UNIFORM

### UNIFORM REMINDER

Over the last couple of weeks I have had a number of queries about missing coats, ties, jumpers, etc. etc. Whilst I have been able to get most items back to their owners, it is especially helpful and saves a great deal of time if all items (including coats and lunchboxes!) have your child's name inside. Thank you for helping with this.



***Clothes for Bottles – Friday November 10th 2017*** Children may wear their own clothes in exchange for a bottle of any description ready for the Christmas Fayre.

***Children in Need – Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2017*** Children are invited to come to school in fancy dress for a donation of £1 towards this most worthwhile cause. A favourite event of all children each year!

***Clothes for Chocolates – Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> 2017*** Children may wear their own clothes in exchange for an item of chocolate ready for the Christmas Fayre.

***Christmas jumper day – Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> 2017*** Children may wear a Christmas jumper along with their school trousers or skirts