



St Botolph's Academy News

Spring 1 Week 6



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A Note from Mrs Adams:

Well done to St. George and St. Patrick teams for achieving the most points this week. In our commitment to improving outcomes for pupils, I am excited to tell you about a few changes in KS1 which will start after the half term holiday. The teachers have been developing a personalised learning programme for the Y1 and Y2 children during morning sessions. It may mean that your child is not in their usual classroom or with their usual teacher for a session but it does mean that their learning can be maximised allowing children to reach their full potential. Early morning booster sessions will also be running for KS1 children for a short while if you think that your child would benefit from some extra Maths and English support. Have a great weekend and a fantastic half term holiday.

Here to help

Principal—Mrs D Adams

Vice Principal—Mrs L Clipsham

Assistant Principal—Mrs E Fisher

EYFS Leader—Mrs A Howarth

Academy Business Manager—Miss C Yates

Administration/Finance Team—Mrs S Sims and Mrs E Harris

Safeguarding Lead— Mrs D Adams and Mrs L Clipsham

IEB lead— Mr J Hanson



Ofsted priorities

Priority 5: Improve pupils' behaviour

We are now half way through the year with our new 'good to be green' positive behaviour system. As with all systems, we have made some modifications along the way so we are always meeting the needs of our children.

Today, the children have enjoyed their Key Stage DVD as a reward for remaining on green for the half term.

The number of children who enjoyed their reward has increased from 89% to 91% which is brilliant.

Keep up the good work children.



Water

May we please remind parents/carers that children are allowed to bring a separate water bottle to school at lunchtime to have with their lunch.

However, may we please remind you that this must only contain plain water and not flavoured water.

Thank you for your support.

Winter weather

The weather at the moment is being very unpredictable.

May we please ask that children bring warm coats suitable for outdoor weather.

Also, if children walk to school in their wellies, they will need to bring their normal plain black school shoes/boots with them to wear in school.

World Book Day

We will be holding a British author week from Monday 27th February. This will also link with World Book Day.

Each class will be focusing on a British author and celebrating their work.

The children will also be able to dress up as a book character on Friday 3rd March.

Further information will follow on future newsletters.

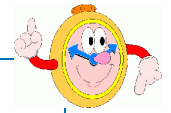


Opening of gates

We would just like to notify parents of our changed gate opening times. The gates will open at 8.40am on a morning. This is for the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds.

Thank you for your co-operation

Attendance



Lates	Whole School	Class	
Once: 18	School Target: 96%	Golden Eagles	92.69%
More than once: 2		Wolves	97.47%
Total lates: 20		Hippos	96.97%
	Academy Weekly Attendance: 95.38%	Zebra	98.52%
		Penguins	91.36%
		Bears	96.93%
		Turtles	98.52%
		Giraffes	92.34%
		Gorillas	98.08%
		Lions	94.44%
		Tigers	92.08%

Weekly Calendar

	Event	Time	Location
Monday 20th February	American Football—class Hippos	1.30—3pm	Hall
Tuesday 21st February	Y4 swimming group 2	8.30—10.30am	Pontefract baths
Wednesday 22nd February	KS1 Street dance.	1.30—2.45pm	Hall
Thursday 23rd February	Nursery Functional Fitness UFS Functional Fitness Nursery Functional Fitness	9:00-9:30am 9:30-11:00am 1:30-2:00pm	Hall Hall Hall
Friday 24th February			



Future dates for your diary



- Monday 20th February—School opens
- Monday 27th February —Friday 3rd March — Book week
- Thursday 9th March— Y4 Zebras Showcase(parents/carers welcome)
- Thursday 16th March— Year 5 BOTH CLASSES showcase (parents/carers welcome)
- Friday 17th March—Yr3/4 Tag Rugby tournament
- Tuesday 21st March—Year 6 church visit. Year 5 language lessons with De Lacy students.
- Wednesday 22nd March—Year 5 church visit.
- Monday 3rd—Wednesday 5th April—Year 5/6 residential.
- Thursday 6th April—Easter church service at 9.30am (parents/carers welcome)
- Friday 7th April—Academy closes for Easter.

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Please check the school Website, Facebook and Parent Pay for further updates and upcoming events.

All staff at St Botolph's would like to thank all parents and pupils for their continued support.