

December 2024

Dear parents/carers,

End of term and start of new term arrangements

As we reach the end of the first term, I would like to thank parents/carers, staff and children for such a positive and engaging term. The term has provided us with opportunities to work and celebrate together and ending with festivities and fun.

The Autumn Term is full of new beginnings, hope and ambition. Everyone settled quickly and relationships have blossomed.

The new Reception children have taken to academy life, and it has been wonderful to get to know them and our new families. Their starting points reports were shared this month and reflective of their great start!

There has been a wealth of experiences and enrichment across the curriculum with visits, visitors, competitions and events.

Our clubs have been well attended and children have developed interests and skills within the wider curriculum.

The Autumn Term includes some of our important awareness days, supporting children's understanding of relationships, health and wellbeing. We have also engaged in community and charity events with local charities. Thank you for your donations and contributions. They are greatly appreciated.

We have celebrated achievements and success across the term. This has included success for individuals, teams and the academy. This includes the work of our active groups, subject leaders and academy wide achievements.

Our Active citizen groups have been busy implementing their action plans and sharing their contributions within the wider community. Our Junior Governors met with a Local MP with press coverage sharing their story.

Children have enjoyed having the library reopened and restocked. They have enjoyed reading new books during their 'reading for enjoyment' sessions. We also have received an invitation to share our 'reading journey and engagement in the world of stories' with the National Literacy Trust.

Writing sessions have included writing for enjoyment too with a class in year 5 becoming 'Record Breakers' for engaging in a poetry session. Mrs Stevens and members of the class have been asked to engage in a follow up film about it too!

I was delighted to be recognised for our 'heart and commitment to relational practice' by, 'When The Adults Change' a group of educators who promote positive cultures and behaviour management in schools. We are extremely proud to be a partner school and the first in Southend and Essex! There are approximately 40 schools across the country and the world with this accolade.

The Choir have entertained members of the local community including local care homes bringing happiness to their Elders at this time of year. We also had our performances from Nursery to Year Six which were uplifting and simply joyous.

Thank you to the PTA for their support and fundraising over the Autumn Term. The events and sales have been a great success.

I would like to remind you that the term finishes on **Friday 20th December at 1.30pm**. The After School Club will be closed.

I look forward to welcoming you back for the Spring Term on **Monday 6th January 2025** along with the forthcoming Parent Consultations for Yr 1 to Yr 6 to celebrate the progress and achievements from across the Autumn Term.

Thank you for your continued support achieving excellence together.

Kind regards,



Mrs E. Nicholls

Principal