

Scientia Academy Newsletter

January 2022



Spring 1



Dear Scientia Families

I am sure that your children have enjoyed their first few days back and are now settled into routines again. The atmosphere in the classrooms is one of purpose and enjoyment and the children continue to impress me with their engagement and enthusiasm.

We started the new year with Art Week, every year group learnt about a different artist and tried out different styles of expression using a variety of techniques and materials. The results were fantastic and got this year's learning off to a great start. You will all be receiving Project Webs from your year group team which will outline the rest of this half term's learning.

One of our great challenges throughout this pandemic is closing any learning gaps for our children; there has been so much disruption from lockdowns, bubble closures, staff, and pupil absences. I am pleased to say that after the end of term assessments in December we can see that the work we are doing is having a positive impact.

There is however, still much to do. We are starting to run after-school booster classes for Years 2 and 6 and we will continue to run tutoring in mathematics across the school. If your child is invited to these, please support us by allowing them to join the sessions, they will be with their own teachers and the extra hour will make such a difference to their confidence and understanding in mathematics and English. Please talk to your class teachers if you have any questions about this. Other year groups will be running similar sessions later in the school year.

Thank you again, for all your support throughout this difficult time, the whole staff team here are working so hard to keep everything going, let's hope this will ease in the coming weeks. We will re-arrange the parent's information meetings we had planned for this term to when it is safer, and we will keep parent consultations online or by phone for now.

Helen Bye

Headteacher

Pastoral Support

If you need any support for your family, please remember that Mrs. Laura Hands is our Pastoral Lead. She can refer you to outside agencies through Early Help, offer advice for behavior at home, bereavement, mental health, wellbeing and point you in the right direction for more specialised help.

Special Educational and Medical Needs

Mrs. Lorrette Roberts-Doyle is the SENCO for the school. If you have concerns about your child's learning or health, she is happy to discuss this with you.

Contact the school office if you would like an appointment to see either.

Art Week

We started the new year with Art Week, each year group studied a different artist and style of art. Everyone presented their work in a gallery. The children all had a fantastic week, and we were so proud of their efforts.



Hot Chocolate Friday

As part of the ongoing development of our Behaviour Policy and rewards, introduced last year, we have now begun our 'Hot Chocolate Friday'

This is a special treat for our children who are always making good choices, show exemplary conduct and are consistently on the teacher's 'Recognition Boards'. One child per class is chosen to come and enjoy a hot chocolate with Miss Bye and Mrs. Hands on a Friday afternoon. A lovely way to finish off the week.

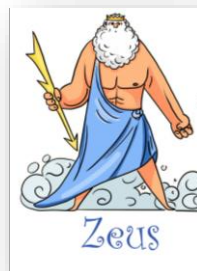


House Captains

Artemis: House Captain - Magda, Vice-Captain - Joel
Zeus: House Captain - Dylan, Vice-Captain - Gabriella
Apollo: House Captain - Archie, Vice-Captain - Harry B
Athena: House Captain - Rhys, Vice-Captain - Aani

We have counted the House Points for the second half term and our winners are....

Zeus - 1440 house points
Artemis - 1337 house points
Athena - 1270 house points
Apollo - 1,006 house points



Absence from School

By law we must record all absences from school and the reason given.

If your child is absent from school, you must inform us by either calling the school office selecting option 1 to leave a message on the school absence line. Alternatively, you can email the school office.

When informing us of your child's absence you must state your child's full name, class or year group and the reason for the absence. We need to be informed by 9am.

Attendance - Lates

A reminder that children need to be in school ready for registration at 8.50am. The gates open each morning at 8.40am.

Children arriving after this time will be marked as late. All children who are late to school must be brought to the school office and a reason for the lateness recorded.

- 5 minutes late each day equals 3 days lost each year
- 10 minutes late each day equals 6.5 days lost each year
- 15 minutes late each day equals 10 days lost each year
- 20 minutes late each day equals 13 days lost each year
- 30 minutes late each day equals 19 days lost each year

It is also important that children are collected promptly at the end of the school day. Reception finishes at 3.15pm and children in Key Stage 1 and 2 finish at 3.20pm.

We do offer a breakfast and after school club provision, please speak to the school office if you want to find out more.

Free School Meals

Your child may be able to receive free school meals if you are in receipt of one or more of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit **but not** Working Tax Credit and a household income of no more than £16,190
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit provided you have an annual net earned household income of no more than £7,400

To apply: [Apply for Free School Meals - Staffordshire County Council](#)

Spring Term 2022

JANUARY 2022

Tuesday 4th January: Spring 1 begins for all

Week beginning 4th January: Arts Week

FEBRUARY 2022

Week beginning 7th February: Mental Health Week

Tuesday 8th February: Safer Internet Day

Friday 18th February: End of half term for all pupils

Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February: HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 28th February: INSET DAY

MARCH 2022

Tuesday 1st March: Spring 2 begins for all

Thursday 3rd March 2021: World Book Day

Week beginning 7th March: Science Week

Week beginning 28th March: Parent Consultations via TEAMS

APRIL 2022

Tuesday 5th April: Years 1 & 2 - Easter performance for parents - afternoon

Wednesday 6th April: Years 1 & 2 - Easter performance for parents - morning

Friday 8th April: Spring Term ends for all pupils

Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April: EASTER HOLIDAYS

Summer Term 2022

APRIL 2022

Monday 25th April: Summer 1 term starts for all

MAY 2022

Monday 2nd May: BANK HOLIDAY

Week Beginning 9th May - Year 6 SATS week

Week Beginning 23rd May: Sports Week

Thursday 26th May: end of half term for all

Friday 27th May: INSET DAY

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June: HALF TERM

JUNE 2022

Monday 6th June: Summer 2 starts for all

Week beginning Monday 6th June: Year 1 phonics screening check begins, Year 4 Multiplication check begins

JULY 2022

Friday 8th July: Pupil reports sent out,

Tuesday 19th July: School year ends for all pupils

Wednesday 20th July: INSET DAY



Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher: Miss Helen Bye

Deputy Headteacher/Pastoral Lead: Mrs. Laura Hands

Assistant Headteacher/SENCO: Mrs. Lorrette-Roberts Doyle

School Business Manager: Miss Marion Chimenes

Early Years Team

Phase leader: Miss Helen Bye

Class teachers: Miss Aimee Jennings, Miss Laura Ward, Miss Ellie Nicholson,

Support staff: Mrs. Caro Pacey, Miss Susan Skinner, Mrs. Kerry Elks, Miss Tilly King, Mrs. Rebecca Nickels

Key Stage 1

Phase leader: Mrs. Danielle Austin

Class teachers - Year 1, Miss. Rebecca Kinnear, Mrs. Arvinder Thindal, Miss Sophie Burke

Class teachers - Year 2, Mrs. Danielle Austin, Mrs. Samreen Imran

Support staff: Mrs. Emma Long, Mrs. Catherine Fisher, Miss. Amy Matthews, Mrs. Rifat Maqsood, Mrs. Sally Starbuck

Lower Key Stage 2

Phase leader: Mrs. Claire Sutton

Class teachers- Year 3, Mrs. Claire Sutton, Mr. Harry Bennett

Class teachers-Year 4 - Miss Beth Jones, Mr. Travis Elliott

Support Staff: Mrs. Sadaf Ratyal, Mr. Richard Bailey, Miss Bushra Bibi

Upper Key Stage 2

Phase Leader: Mrs. Nikola Kinmond-Jones

Class teachers -Year 5 - Mrs. Lorrette Roberts-Doyle, Miss Jade Sleigh, Miss Dawn Marshall

Class teachers - Year 6 - Miss Stacey Vinnicombe, Mrs. Nikola Kinmond-Jones, Miss Lucie Goodall

Support Staff: Mrs. Letitia Hadley, Miss Laura Thompson, Miss Emily Bentley, Miss Naomi Thompson

School Support: Miss Linzi Barsby, Miss Sana Ashfaq, Mrs. Anna Jones

Admin Team:

Mrs. Helen Cotton, Mrs. Sarah Callison, Miss. Aimee Harrison

Premises Team:

Mr. Tom Cotton, Miss. Donna Hall, Mrs. Mandy Kendrick

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