

# Scientia Academy Newsletter

March 2022



## Spring 2

Dear Scientia Families

We have started this half term as busy as ever, and who can believe we are already half-way through the academic year!

The whole school enjoyed celebrating World Book Day with everyone enjoying their favourite books and sharing their bedtime stories with their teddies. From Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, we will be joining in with Science Week, the focus is on 'Growth', all year groups will be exploring this theme and undertaking scientific investigations.

It has been fantastic to welcome back Mrs. Masini this term, she has started up yoga and Forest School sessions this week, we recognise that children's emotional wellbeing has been affected by lockdowns and ongoing pandemic disruption; we hope this provision will help support children's recovery.

As the last restrictions on school life have now been removed by the Government, we are busy planning opportunities for you to join us in school and celebrate all the amazing work that goes on in school and chances to be together as a community again. I will communicate details about events once all are finalised, it will be great to see families back in school.

Please make sure you book an appointment to see your child's class teacher as parent consultations start on 28<sup>th</sup> March, this is your chance to talk about your child's academic progress this year and to raise any concerns you have about their learning. We have added the option of a face-to-face appointment for those of you that prefer this to the online meetings.

Finally, our Year 6 children have all now received their offers for their next school placement, I hope you all got the school of your choice. We will be working closely with all the local high schools to ensure a smooth transition for all. If you have any concerns, please contact us via the school office so we can support you through this exciting but sometimes daunting time.

*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.*

World Book Day

All the children across the school enjoyed being in pyjamas on World Book Day, having their favourite bedtime stories and teddies with them made the day special.





11 BEFORE 11 is our promise to all children across the REAch2 family: 11 exceptional experiences that will inspire and challenge our children. Everything we do is about helping children develop the character traits that will help them thrive as they graduate from Primary School and move on to the next phase of their education. We want every child to leave us with the ability to engage fully with the challenges of a secondary school life; both the curriculum but also the day-to-day reality of growing up and starting to discover who they are, what they are passionate about and what they are capable of.

We are relaunching our 11 Before 11 promises, so watch out for information from Miss Goodall who is our school ambassador. All children during their time at Scientia will be able to participate in 11 experiences. They receive badges once an experience is completed and build up a passport of these over the 7 years they are here. Another aspect of school life that we are excited about and have missed!

### Attendance

Despite all the disruption of Covid 19, attendance in the school remains in line with national figures.

Attendance This Year  
94.4%

Over a school year, we are open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions with registration in the morning at 08.50 and after lunch in the afternoon.

Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for *any whole session* including registration.

The registers close 10 minutes after the school gates close at 08.50. It is important that children are in school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of the class.

## Collection to support families affected by events in Ukraine

I received a beautiful letter from Darcie in Year 4, who was very moved by the terrible events happening in Ukraine and wanted to do something to help. We will be having a non-uniform day on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**, suggested donation of £1.00 per child.

All money collected will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.



## Circus Skills Workshop - Year Group 3 to 6

We have booked an exciting day for our Key Stage 2 children for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

The activities encourage participation, movement, co-ordination, and balance skills in an energetic and exciting way.

Circus skills demand a certain level of attention and concentration. The workshop engages the children whilst actively encouraging them to have fun. This, in turn, sharpens their focus to participate and encourages them to persevere. By using a variety of equipment such as diabolo, spinning plates, balance boards, juggling balls/clubs and devil sticks, the workshop motivates children to not only enhance their physical awareness but to develop their team-building skills and improve their self-esteem. We are looking forward to seeing how the children develop these new skills.

*We are asking that parents support the workshop with a contribution of £2.50 towards the costs.*

### 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](#)

### Pick- up & Drop Off

We are getting complaints from residents on Mona Road about poor parking from parents.

Please be considerate and do not block driveways, there have also been incidents of quite aggressive behavior often in front of children. Please remember that you are role models and this type of behavior is unacceptable.

Also a reminder that cars should not be parked on the zig zag lines.

### Nursery Spaces - Does your child turn 3 before 31st August 2022?

Was your child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019?

If the answer is Yes, you can apply for a nursery school place for September 2022.

We offer 15 hours and 30 hours funded places.

Further information regarding our nursery admission process can be found on our website

[Nursery Admissions - Scientia Academy](#)



## Spring Term 2022

### MARCH 2022

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March: Spring 2 begins for all

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021: World Book Day

Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> March: Science Week

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March: NEW! Non-Uniform day - Ukraine appeal**

Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Consultations via TEAMS and Face to Face

### APRIL 2022

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April:

**New! Circus Skills Workshop for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6**

Years 1 & 2 - Easter performance for parents - afternoon

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April: Years 1 & 2 - Easter performance for parents - morning

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Spring Term ends for all pupils

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: EASTER HOLIDAYS

## Summer Term 2022

### APRIL 2022

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April: Summer 1 term starts for all

### MAY 2022

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: BANK HOLIDAY

Week Beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATS week

Week Beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Sports Week

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May: **NEW! Queen's Jubilee Street Party & end of half term for all**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May: INSET DAY

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: HALF TERM

### JUNE 2022

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Summer 2 starts for all

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

### JULY 2022

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Pupil reports sent out,

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July: School year ends for all pupils

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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

**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: Miss Catherine Almonte, 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. Stuart Collier, Miss. Donna Hall, Mrs. Mandy Kendrick

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