

Scientia Academy Newsletter

November 2021



Autumn 2



A warm welcome back to school after the half term break to all our families. We are all very happy to see everyone back safe and sound after a much-needed break.

We are still experiencing high levels of sickness absence across the school for children and staff alike. This is mostly sickness bugs and very heavy colds which we have all avoided over the last two years and they are spreading very quickly through year groups. Please make sure you do not send in children that are poorly and remember that if they show any of the main COVID-19 symptoms you are advised to give them a PCR test as soon as possible.

Thank you to you all for your patience whilst we have staff absences around the school, it is increasingly hard to find supply staff to cover but please be reassured that we are trying very hard to keep any disruption to learning to a minimum; all staff are working above and beyond to keep everything going.

We had great attendance at our parent consultations, we hope you found the information useful and that you have a clear picture of how your child is doing. There is still plenty of hard work ahead to close the gaps created by all the disruption over the last two years, we have a tutor working in school for three days a week who is supporting pupils in maths and every year group is focusing on spelling and handwriting which will help all children's writing skills - you can support us by making sure all homework is completed and that children are reading every day, it only has to be 10 minutes to make a difference. If you are unsure, please talk to your child's class teacher so they can support you and guide you in the right direction.

We are hoping to still be able to put on some kind of Christmas performances this year, it is something we have all missed. Once we have a clear picture of any case numbers, a little nearer the time, I will decide based on what is safest for you, the children and the staff. I do not want to compromise your family time together over the festive holidays by gathering large numbers inside the hall, but we will make sure that there is some Christmas fun for all to enjoy.

Helen Bye

Headteacher

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who organised a food collection to support local food banks. Thank you for your very kind donations of food items, the response was very generous and gratefully received.

Year 6 have also been involved in an exciting entrepreneur project. Working with the team from F2D in the Community, the pupils designed a leavers hoodie which were completed and given out before half term. The project gave the pupils a chance to learn about how an item of clothing goes from the design stage, through branding and marketing and then finally manufactured. We hope that we have inspired some future designers and entrepreneurs with the skills and knowledge they learnt throughout the project. The pupils wear the hoodies with great pride and should rightly be really pleased with what they achieved.

A huge thankyou to the F2D team.



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.

Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Sock Day on 15th November 2021

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and this year it's taking place on Monday 15th November. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. We would just like the children to wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!



We are pleased to announce our new 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 first half term and our winners are....



Artemis - 2150 house points
Zeus - 1,838 house points
Apollo - 1,786 house points
Athena - 1,580 house points

Autumn Term 2021

NOVEMBER 2021

Monday 1st November: Autumn 2 begins for all

Tuesday 2nd November: Parents Information Meeting - Reading - cancelled, will be rescheduled

Saturday 6th November: 10.00am Open Morning for prospective parents

Wednesday 10th November: Year 1 parents information meeting - Phonics

Monday 15th November: Anti-bullying week begins

Monday 15th November: Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 16th November: School Photo Day

Tuesday 16th November: Year 4 parents information meeting - Multiplication Test

DECEMBER 2021

Tuesday 7th December: Years 3 & 4 Carol Concert -afternoon

Wednesday 8th December: Years 3 & 4 Carol Concert - morning

Tuesday 14th December: EYFS Nativity - afternoon

Wednesday 15th December: EYFS Nativity - morning

To be confirmed

Friday 17th December: Autumn Term ends for all pupils

Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



Spring Term 2022**JANUARY 2022**

Tuesday 4th January: Spring 1 begins for all

Week beginning 4th January: Arts Week

Tuesday 11th January: Year 2 parents information meeting- SATS

FEBRUARY 2022

Tuesday 1st February: Parents information meeting - Maths

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 Faye Dennis

Class teachers: Miss Aimee Jennings, Miss Faye Dennis, 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: Mrs. Letitia Hadley, Miss Laura Thompson, Miss Emily Bentley, Miss Naomi Thompson

School Support: Ms. Karolina Puciato, 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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