

Scientia Academy Newsletter

September 2021



Welcome to the New School Year

Welcome back to the new school year it has been so good to see everyone return with happy faces ready to learn and get back into the routines of daily school life.

Thank you for your patience whilst we try and get back to some of the normal systems that were in place before Covid-19. We are trying our best to make the transition smooth so please bear with us if we are not quite there yet.

All the children have started the new year with a positive attitude to their learning and school is already a calm, purposeful environment. Everyone has settled into their new classes and making new friends, the most joyful experience so far this year is watching our older children play and support our youngest - we have really missed this over the last few years.

We will still be focusing on closing any gaps in learning created by previous lockdowns and bubble closures and you should have all received project plans detailing everything that will be covered this half-term in your child's year group.

Thank you to those of you who returned the feedback forms at the end of last summer term, we do read them all and reflect on any suggestions for improvement, we never stop looking for ways to be better. The responses were very positive, and your continuing support is greatly valued.

Finally, our warmest welcome to our newest families in Early Years, the children are already settled into school life and their learning journey has begun. The Early Years team are so pleased with how well the start of the year has gone, they are looking forward to inviting you into school to see the progress and to get to know you all.

Helen Bye

Headteacher

School Events

We will be hoping to run parent information sessions and allow school performances this year. We will only do this in person if we feel it is safe to do so, so please be aware that things could be cancelled or, moved at short notice. We apologise in advance if this happens but we will only do this if the number of positive COVID cases rise to level where our escalation procedures need to be introduced.

General Reminders

Pick- up & Drop Off

We are already 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.

Covid-19

As expected, we are seeing a rise in positive cases for children across the school, we are no longer responsible for contact tracing so we will not be sending out letters for each individual case. NHS Track & Trace are now fully responsible for this process so please make sure that you engage with this when needed.

We will continue to warn the whole school as cases rise so that you can undertake testing if you are concerned or have vulnerable family members.

We do have a contingency plan in case we hit a threshold of positive cases, this could result in escalated measures including classes moving to remote learning. We would do this under the advice of our local Public Health Team, and we will inform you immediately of any changes.

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.

Nut Free School

A gentle reminder that we are a nut-free school. Please check the ingredients of any items in lunch boxes so that all our children are safe. Please do not send in cakes, sweets or any treats for birthdays or special occasions, we have a wide range of allergies and dietary needs in the school and we do not have the capacity to check everything.

Attendance and Free School Meals

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](#)

Autumn Term 2021

SEPTEMBER 2021

Wednesday 1st September: INSET

Thursday 2nd September: Children return

Wednesday 22nd September: Big Bike event

Monday 20th September: Year 6 parents information meeting via TEAMS 3:45pm to 4:15pm

Tuesday 28th September: EYFS parents information meeting

OCTOBER 2021

Week beginning Monday 4th October: Harvest Week including collection for Food Bank

Tuesday 5th October: EYFS parents information meeting - Phonics

Week beginning 11th October - Parent consultations via TEAMS

Thursday 21st October: End of half term for pupils

Friday 22nd October: INSET DAY

Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October: HALF TERM HOLIDAY

NOVEMBER 2021

Monday 1st November: Autumn 2 begins for all

Tuesday 2nd November: Parents Information Meeting - Reading

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

Tuesday 9th November: Year 4 parents information meeting - Multiplication Test

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

Monday 15th November: Anti-bullying week begins

Monday 15th November: Odd Socks Day

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

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: Mr. Ian Wilson

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

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, Miss Tilly King

Lower Key Stage 2

Phase leader: Mrs. Claire Sutton

Class teachers- Year 3, Mrs. Claire Sutton, Mr. Ian Wilson

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

Support Staff: Mrs. Sadaf Ratyal, Miss Laura Thompson, Mr. Richard Bailey

Upper Key Stage 2

Phase Leader: Mrs. Nikola Kinmond-Jones

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

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

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

School Support: Ms. Karolina Puciato,

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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