

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've reached the end of a very exciting week. On Monday during our INSET we continued our whole school development work, focusing on the curriculum, assessment and teaching learning. We explored the intent of our curriculum and how we implement and assess for impact. For part of the day we worked in collaboration with Reedswood E-ACT Primary Academy, there was an opportunity for class teachers to collaborate and for subject leaders to monitor their subjects together.

On Tuesday we had our review. It was lovely to visit all classes to see the children fully engaged in learning. Pupil voice in history demonstrated that the children can remember more. Children spoke enthusiastically about the new behaviour system and how they were rewarded for positive behaviour and good attitude towards learning.

This week our six pupils are completing mock pixel assessments. I'm looking forward to seeing the progress that they have made so far this year.

Attendance, as you know is high priority and we continue to encourage the children to attend school every day. At present we have our attendance challenge to attend school for 34 days and I can't wait to see who will win. Good luck everyone.

We have continued to develop the curriculum, we have enhanced our PE offer across the Academy please see the website for the PE overview.

Over the half term all of the classrooms have been fitted with new interactive whiteboards. It has been great to see them being used to support our children.

We have the first of our PHSE information workshops next week, and I look forward to seeing you then.

Lastly, I would like to wish those celebrating a Happy Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas!

Mrs M Lathbury-Cox  
Executive Headteacher



### **Attendance challenge**

If you have 34 days 100% attendance, your names will be put into a hat and the winner drawn will receive a £20 Amazon voucher!

The challenge will start on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023!





## Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility

With Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas coming up this weekend we have provided some information from West Midlands Fire Service which will help to keep you safe.

We recommend always attending organised bonfire but, if you're thinking of having a bonfire in your garden, please follow the safety advice below to make it as safe as possible:

- always site bonfires well away from houses, garages, sheds, fences, trees and anything that could catch fire
- build your bonfire carefully to ensure it won't collapse to one side when lit
- never use flammable liquids such as paraffin or petrol to light the fire
- keep buckets of water or a hosepipe nearby in case of emergency – but call 999 immediately if the fire gets out of hand
- keep people, especially children, away from the fire. If children are present, supervise them at all times
- don't burn foam-filled furniture, aerosols, bottles or paints
- never leave a bonfire unattended
- always pour water over embers to ensure they're fully extinguished before leaving them.

When you can use fireworks:

- until 1am on New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year

If you do have your own fireworks display, follow our safety tips and guides below:

- keep pets indoors – animals can get scared by the lights and noise from fireworks
- never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- never throw used fireworks on a bonfire
- take care around bonfires – all clothes, even those labelled 'low flammability', can catch fire.

### Sparkler safety

Sparklers are often viewed as being harmless, but they burn at fierce temperatures, equivalent to a welding torch.

Follow these top tips for sparkler safety:

- Do not give sparklers to under-5s
- Make sure everyone handling sparklers wears gloves
- Hold sparklers at arm's length while being lit and light them one at a time
- Do not wave sparklers about close to other people
- Never hold a baby in your arms while you're holding a sparkler
- When the sparkler has finished put it in a bucket of cold water.



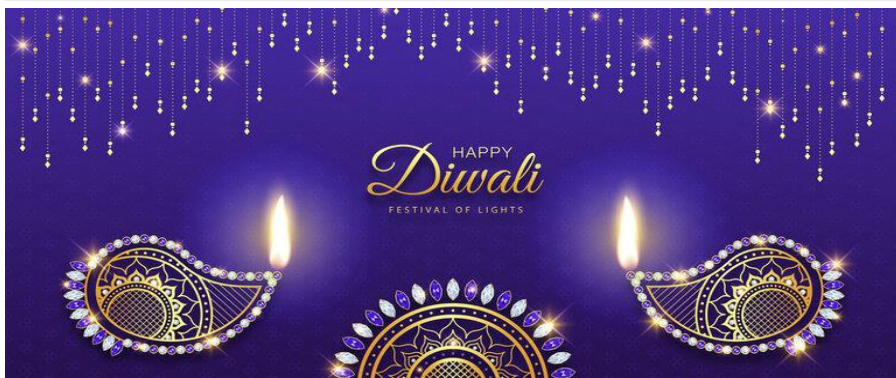


**We are a Silver UNICEF Rights Respecting School**  
**Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.**



*The Convention has 54 articles in total. Articles 43–54 are about how adults and governments must work together to make sure all children can enjoy all their rights, including:*

**ARTICLE 10** (family reunification) Governments must respond quickly and sympathetically if a child or their parents apply to live together in the same country. If a child's parents live apart in different countries, the child has the right to visit and keep in contact with both of them.



**Breakfast club**

Breakfast club has been very popular, but we are now oversubscribed and we want to reserve this service for working parents or those in further education. After half term, numbers will be limited to 40 pupils and you will need to book in on parent pay for the week. We no longer receive external funding for breakfast club, therefore there will be a cost of £1 per child per day. This is still inexpensive for parents/carers, but will go towards the food costs and staffing.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Sports club**

Monday - Year 3 and Year 4 – Football Club

Tuesday - Year 6 – Football Club

Wednesday - Year 1 and Year 2 – Multi Skills Club

Thursday – Year 5 – Dodgeball Club

**Class assemblies Autumn 2**

3SA - 22nd Nov - 9am

4MO - 6th Dec - 9am

**Reminder**



- Please ensure children come to school wearing a coat and appropriate footwear during this wet and cold weather.
- Nursery places are available, please speak to a member of staff in the school office.

**WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE**

**RSP – 95.8%**

**RNP – 91.3%**

**1AK – 96.3%**

**1LS – 88.9%**

**2PH – 86.2%**

**2YK – 93.1%**

**3SA – 93.3%**

**3CW – 96.7%**

**4SB – 94%**

**4MO – 94%**

**5ES – 92.6%**

**5JC – 94.4%**

**6AL – 86.7%**

**6TD – 86.7%**

Well done to this week **3CW** for achieving **96.7%** attendance!



**Overall attendance**

**92.14%**



**Newsletter**

**Autumn Term 2 Week 1**

**Week ending**

**10<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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