

# St Botolph's CE Academy News

## Autumn 2 Week 1



**In Gods hands we love, learn and grow.**

A note from Mrs Adams:

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. Thank you to all the families who joined us for the prayer box workshop yesterday. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying themselves with the activities. Due to popular demand we will be holding this event again in the spring term.

This time of year sees the academy really focussed on fund raising and I am so pleased to tell you that we raised £ 203.39 for our Mara school in Tanzania. We are going to hold a Mara non uniform day on 22nd Jan (details will follow) and then we will send the money to the Diocese in Tanzania and we can decide what to buy for the school. They will take pictures to show how or donation is received. We also raised £55.12 from the coffee morning, which will go towards buying books for our library to support our accelerated reader programme. Thank you for your generosity and have a great weekend.

### **Academy Development**

Maths is a main focus on our development plan this year. Mrs Clipsham (Maths leader) has been carrying out lesson observations, looking at books and talking to pupils about the reasoning and problem solving aspects of Maths.

Her findings show that pupils are good at arithmetic but find the reasoning aspect of Maths more difficult,

particularly worded problem solving questions. They also need to learn their times tables and be able to recall them quickly. These are areas that teachers will concentrate on and you could help at home by asking your child to verbally explain why they have come to an answer and practice times tables.

### **Christian Values**

Our Christian value theme for this half term is:

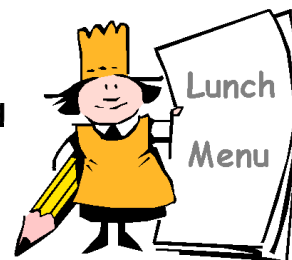


### **Resilience**

Tough times  
don't last;  
Tough  
people  
do.

### **School Dinners**

We have started the new half term with a new menu for our lunch time meals. We are hoping that the pupils enjoy some of the new choices. If you would like your child to begin on school dinners (especially for the coming winter months) please see the Academy office. We will also be having parent taster sessions **during our parent consultation evenings** this month. Please come along and try the samples.



### **Here to help**

**Headteacher - Mrs D Adams**

**Deputy Headteacher—Mrs LClipsham**

**Assistant Headteacher- Mrs E Fisher**

**EYFS Leader- Mrs A Howarth**

**Academy Business Manager—Mrs Simister**

**Safeguarding leads —Mrs Adams, Mrs Clipsham, Mrs Toon, Mrs Simister, Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Howarth**

**SENCo—Mrs H Shepherd**

**Chair of Governors - Mr Peter Bell**

### **Book Fair**

We will be holding Year 1-6 parent consultations this month. On the week beginning Monday 26th November, the book fair will be in the hall from 3.30-4.30pm on the Monday and the Wednesday evenings and then in the hall during the parent appointment time times on the Tuesday and Thursday. Please do visit the book fair and see what books are available.





Whole School	Autumn 1 Week 8		Whole School	Autumn 2 Week 1	
School Target: <b>96%</b>	Golden Eagles	90.71%	School Target: <b>96%</b>	Golden Eagles	98.03%
Academy Weekly Attendance: 92.94%	Wolves	79.23%		Wolves	98.35%
	Hippos	96.79%		Hippos	97.96%
	Zebras	91.79%		Zebras	96.94%
	Penguins	95.00%		Penguins	100.00%
	Bears	95.86%	Bears	98.03%	
Late Once: 1	Turtles	99.31%	Late Once: 6	Turtles	100.00%
Late more than once: 2	Giraffes	91.72%		Giraffes	95.05%
	Gorillas	96.67%		Gorillas	97.35%
	Lions	89.38%		Lions	87.70%
Total Lates: 3	Tigers	93.33%		Total Lates: 6	Tigers

## Reading

As a result of our accelerated reader programme, we have noticed our pupils are enjoying reading in and out of lessons and we really hope that this continues. The inter class competitions, to see how many words are read, are going strong! Pupils are allowed to bring their own books into school to read, even during break times and we would appreciate you helping your child to select an age appropriate book to bring in and enjoy.



## Year 6 Visit to De Lacy

On Thursday 18th October, Year 6 visited De Lacy High School to take part in some science experiments. Mr Bull taught them about Bunsen Burners and they conducted an experiment testing the effects of different liquids when put into the flame. They had to create an electro-magnet using just a nail and wire, the challenge was to see who could pick up the most paper-clips. Some groups managed to pick up over 100 clips. Y6 really enjoyed their visit and it got them excited about starting High School. Their exemplary behaviour was noted by the De Lacey teachers.



## Future dates for your diary



Monday 12th November—Anti-bullying week.  
 Wednesday 14th November—LKS2 cinema trip.  
 Thursday 15th November—Children in Need Day  
 Friday 16th November—UKS2 cinema trip.  
 Tuesday 20th November—Bears and Penguins class trip  
 Wednesday 21st—Friday 23rd November—Year 5 and 6 PGL residential.  
 Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th November—Year 1—6 Parents consultations.  
 Wednesday 28th November—KS1 trip to Eureka  
 Friday 30th November—Zebras class trip  
 Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th December—EYFS Christmas Café  
 Friday 7th December—Christingle  
 WB Monday 10th December—Christmas Production Week  
 Wednesday 12th December—Christmas Dinner for pupils  
 Friday 14th December—St Botolph's Christmas Church Service  
 WB Monday 17th December—Christmas Party Week  
 Friday 21st December—coffee morning for parents.