



# Discovery Primary Academy

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Parents Evening

Parent evening is next week, those who completed the form will receive a text message informing you of your allocated time. The meetings will face to face with your child's class teacher. Your child's books will be available for you to look at whilst you are waiting.

Please follow the signposts around the academy to locate your child's class. Some teachers will be meeting in the same room as other teachers so please use the chairs outside in the corridor until you are called in by your class teacher.

If you wish to bring your child/children with you then please do. It does really help them if they can hear how they are doing from the class teacher as well as share their work with you. We look forward to seeing you.

For parents of children in Odin Class, parents evening will take place after half term. Mrs Crick will be back in the classroom on Monday and will send dates out to you after half term.

### Attendance

The overall attendance this week is **94.3%**

Well done to **Henry VIII** and **Odin** who both achieved **97%**

### Home / School Agreement

At parents evening your child's class teacher will go through the home school agreement with you. This is a document you will have signed when your child started at the academy. We have now updated the agreement to reflect the things we do as an academy, as well as what the academy expects children and parents to do. Once the document has been signed by all parties, you will be given a copy to keep for the year.

## Homework Club

We have set up a homework club with Mrs Matthews on a Thursday lunchtime for years 5 and 6. Thank you to Mrs Matthews for offering to run this club. Can you please encourage your child to attend if they need help with their homework.

### Year 6 Basketball

All of our year 6 children went to Arthur Mellows Village College (AMVC) this week and took part in a basketball tournament. All the staff at AMVC commented on how well-mannered and well behaved our children were. Well done everyone. You were true ambassadors of the academy. The children really had a lovely morning.

### Clubs

- Monday - Yr. 3 & 4 Netball and Football clubs – Lunchtime  
Yr. 3 & 4 Drama and Performance club – Lunchtime  
Yr.4 Cathedral singers club – Lunchtime  
Yr. 1 & 2 Multi-sports - Afterschool with Mr Burnham until 4:15pm
- Tuesday - Yr. 5 & 6 Girls Football club - Lunchtime  
Yr. 5 & 6 Drama and Performance club – Lunchtime  
Yr. 4, 5 & 6 Ukulele Club - Lunchtime  
Yr. 3,4,5 & 6 Running club with Mrs Torrens until 4:15pm  
Yr. 3 & 4 Multi-sports with Mr Burnham until 4:15pm
- Wednesday -Yr. 5 & 6 Boys Football club – Lunchtime  
Yr. 5 Beatles singing club - Lunchtime.  
Yr. 5 & 6 Multi-sports with Mr Burnham until 4:15pm  
Yr.5 & 6 Netball Club with Miss Hovell and Mrs Savidge until 4:15pm

## Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a wonderful way to communicate with class teachers and they will always respond within 24 hours during the week. Please note that some staff are only able to reply during their working hours and not during the evenings. Can I request that you consider that the teacher may not be able to respond straight away when you send a message and that messages are polite and respectful. Thank you.

## **Academy Photo Day on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Please ensure all children attend dressed in full academy uniform for their photo.

### Information on Measles / MMR vaccination

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. It is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated, nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.

The NHS are strongly encouraging parents and carers to get their children vaccinated.

### Pick Up and Drop off Lay-by at QKA

Can I please remind parents that the drop off and pick up point for cars on the Queen Katharine Academy grounds is for just that. We have had several complaints from the Queen Katharine Staff regarding parents are parking up and not dropping and going.

Please do not spoil it for all the other parents who are using it correctly. If this type of behaviour continues, I am afraid Queen Katharine will close their gates again and we will lose this facility.

### Pre- School Gate

The pre-school gate is only to be used by Pre - school parents. Please do not use Pre-school gate to enter the academy unless you have a child at the Pre-school

### Year One: Geography Walk around Walton

We will be going on a walk in our local area on Tuesday 17th October. This is to allow the children to see the features of our local environment, linking to our current geography topic. The weather forecast is currently showing that it will be dry, however this may change, please ensure you send your child with suitable footwear and a light, waterproof jacket.

### Parent Code of Conduct Policy

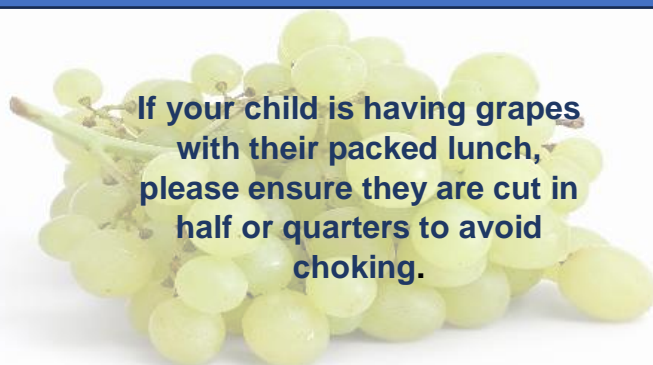
Earlier this week a Parent Code of Conduct Policy was sent to all parents via email. Could you please read it through. A copy is also available on the academy website. Thank you.

### Pokemon Cards

There has been a increase of children bringing Pokemon cards into the academy. We are unable to make sure the cards are kept safe in the academy so for this reason, please could we ask for these cards to stay at home.

### Dates for Your Calendar

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 1:45 – New In-take Tour**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Parents evening**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023- Children's Photo Day**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Parents evening**  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 – Half Term**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 9am - New In-take Tour**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Children in Need Day**



**If your child is having grapes  
with their packed lunch,  
please ensure they are cut in  
half or quarters to avoid  
choking.**