



Discovery Primary Academy



Friday 17th November 2023



New Parent/ Carer Class: Creating Routines That Work for Your Child

Thursday, 23rd November 2023 at 8pm

Does family life feel chaotic? Are you struggling with your child's behaviour at challenging times like bedtime or before school? Or perhaps you feel that routines have taken over your life and your child can't cope with changes?

In this class, you will learn about:

How you can create a routine that works for your family

Tips to help with tricky times of day, like before school or at bedtime.

Ways to manage unexpected changes and how to help your child when a familiar routine must change.

Secure their free space: <https://www.myfamilycoach.com/parent-class-mental-wellbeing-communication-conversations-creating-routines-that-work-for-your-child/>



Thank you to everyone who donated to the **children in Need and Odd Sock Day**.

Together we raised £284.12.



Attendance

This week the overall academy attendance was **95 %**

Well done to **Hercules and Thor**, who both achieved the highest at

Reporting Absences

Are part of the Home/School Partnership Agreement, parents have agreed to phone the academy office if your child is unwell. We are finding an increasing number of parents who are not calling the academy to report an absence. While we do try to make contact with every parent about absent children, it is the responsibility of the parent to let the academy know. We are having an increased number of parents not answering the call and not replying to text messages. It is important that we are informed if your child is not attending so that we know they are safe. For example, if a child in year 6 walks on their own in the morning and they do not arrive at the academy, we do not know where they are. They may still be at home, or they may be somewhere they shouldn't be. So far this week we have had sixteen absences where we have not heard from a parent despite our best efforts. Moving forward please can all parents ensure that they phone the office to speak to the team or leave a message, on the first day of their child's absence, to let us know the reason.

Clubs

Monday	Yr. 3 & 4 Netball and Football clubs – Lunchtime Yr. 3 & 4 Drama and Performance club – Lunchtime Yr. 1 & 2 Multi-sports - Afterschool with Mr Burnham until 4:15pm Yr. 1 & 2 Football with POSH until 4:15pm. Yr. 3,4,5 & 6 Country Dancing with Mrs Stanley and Mrs Nightingale until 4pm Yr. 5 STEAM Club with Miss Norris 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 & 6 Multi-sports with Mr Burnham until 4:15pm Yr.5 & 6 Netball Club with Miss Hovell and Mrs Savidge until 4:15pm
Thursday	Yr.3 & 4 Choir Club with Mrs Armstrong until 4pm

Staff Absence

From time to time, we have to cover teachers with other members of staff due to f absences.

We do this to ensure children know the adult and that there are minimal disruptions to lessons. Sometimes, we have to use external teachers to cover.

Please bear with us when this is the case.

Thank you.

Benedetti Foundation

On Monday, Year 3 and 4 had a music workshop with the Benedetti Foundation. Lucy and Callum showed the children different instruments, worked with them on rhythm and taught them a song which was sung in rounds. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was a wonderful experience. The children's behaviour was fantastic, and they were praised for their imagination, flair, enthusiasm and interest.





Give the gift of reading this Christmas



The National Literacy Trust in Peterborough would like to give children across the city the gift of reading. They are calling for support from the Peterborough public by asking people to donate a brand-new book for a child. All books collected will be given to local foodbanks, where families who use the foodbank service will be able to pick and wrap one to take home and give to their child for Christmas.

If you have a brand-new book you would like to donate, we will be collecting them in school. Books can be novels, picture books, fact books, graphic novels – anything that appeals to children from 0 – 16. Please send in any donations with your child to give to their class teacher before 5th December.

Thank you for your support.

Uniform

As the weather is getting colder, please can we ask that the children wrap up warm by wearing the correct academy uniform.

Please change shorts to trousers and summer dresses to shirts, skirts/trousers, socks or tights and please ensure children attend every day with a coat.

We are also finding that some children cannot tie their shoelaces properly. Please spend some time this weekend teaching your child how to tie their laces to stop them tripping over.

Peterborough Music Hub presents 'Live Premiere of Mimi and the Mountain Dragon.'

Mimi and the Mountain Dragon is an animated film based on the book by Michael Morpurgo, with a live orchestral accompaniment, narrator, and choir to be shown.

New Theatre Peterborough on Tuesday 28th November, 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

The children may even notice a familiar face or recognise the voice of the narrator!!

Please click [HERE](#) to the theatre box office to buy your tickets!



Christmas Fair

As you know we have a Christmas Fair coming soon. If you have any donations that we can sell on our game and toy stall, we would appreciate any games that have all the pieces and in good condition as well as any toys you're your child has grown out of (not cuddly, soft toys please). You can either hand your donation in to the academy office or give it to your child to hand to the class teacher.

If anyone has any books that your children have outgrown again, please bring them into the academy. Any donations gratefully received.

We will send you further details about the fair over the next few weeks. Thank you.

Dates for Your Calendar

- Wednesday 29th November 2023** – Odin Parents Evening
- Thursday 30th November 2023** – Odin Parents Evening
- Friday 1st December 2023** – Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 8th December 2023** – Christmas Fayre
- Wednesday 13th December 2023** – Christmas Dinner
- Thursday 14th December 2023** – EYFS Nativity - **9:30am**
- Friday 15th December 2023** – EYFS Nativity - **2pm**
- Monday 18th December 2023** - Christmas Party Afternoon
- Tuesday 19th December 2023** – Discovery's Got Talent



Well done to all the children who competed in 'England Rocks'. Our academy ended up finishing 1064th in the country!

A huge well done to Carpathia Class who finished in first place, Henry VIII Class finished in second place, and in third place was Goliath. Our top scorers were Ada - Year 6; Elon - Year 5; Angela - Year 4; Melisa - Year 3 and Joseph - Year 2. Huge congratulations. Remember to keep up with your TTRS sessions - it makes such a difference.