



Discovery Primary Academy



Friday 13th September 2024

Meet The Teachers and Find Out More

We welcomed year 6 parents/carers this week to find out more about year 6 and meet the class teachers. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers of other classes over the course of next week. The sessions are as follows.

Monday 16th September – Year 5 2.30pm
Tuesday 17th September – Year 4. 2.30pm
Wednesday 18th September – Year 3. 2.30pm
Thursday 19th September – Year 2. 2.30pm.
Friday 20th September Year 1. 2.30pm.

The green gates to the playground will be opened just before 2.30pm. All parents/carers will be accompanied into the academy where you can meet the class teachers and see your child. The teachers will talk to you and your child/children about the year ahead and will last about 20 minutes. The children will begin to get ready for home time whilst all parents/carers will be accompanied back onto the playground and to the front of the line.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Attendance Matters!



This week the overall academy attendance was **94.4%**. Well done to **Neptune** who again achieved **100%**

Please see the link below, with a list of our current Afterschool Clubs

[Discovery Primary Academy - Afterschool Clubs](#)

Well done!

It has been **so** wonderful to see children in our academy every day and on time. A reminder that the academy day begins at 8:40am. The children have really been enjoying fun activities to start the day with their friends, including origami, puzzles and Dough Disco!

Trim Trail and Astro

The children this week have really enjoyed the new open space and lovely large astro area. On Monday we are hoping that the Trim Trails will be finished, and the children will be able to use them for the first time. We are all so excited to have great playtimes once again

Anglia Water and The Front of Discovery

Every day we walk past the front of the academy and see the exciting Anglia Water project developing. The rain garden is beginning to take shape whilst the unusual drainpipes are beginning to appear on the front. The large planters will be placed in front the building and the pathways should be near completion. We are all so excited to see the finished project.

Academy Uniform

Many of the children have come to the academy this week wearing their smart academy uniform and academy colours for PE. It really is a great start. Well done everyone.

Could I just remind the parents/carers of children in years 3 to 6 that the children need to wear the correct blue shirts so they can wear their smart ties correctly. Please remember,

IF WE LOOK SMART WE THINK SMART.



This week, the children have been introduced to, or reminded about, the importance of working on their maths fluency by playing 'NumBots' (Year 1 and Year 2) or 'TTRS' (Years 3 to 6) at home. The expectation is that each year group will use it for a certain number of minutes every week at home as part of their homework. Practising little and often has a huge impact upon their fluency which then has a positive effect on their mathematical understanding. They learn whilst having fun! Please help your child by encouraging them to do this every week and checking how many minutes they have completed. Thank you.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

We once again are lucky to have peripatetic music teachers visiting Discovery. We have a teacher for Drums and Keyboards. We are hoping to have a teacher soon for stringed instruments. We do have space for a child to share a keyboard lesson with a child in year 5. If anyone is interested, can you please let the office know. Thank you.

Trips

We will soon be letting you know when your child's class trip is for this year and an approximate cost. Once again, the academy has subsidized these trips to ensure as many children can go as possible. Please keep an eye out for further information shortly.

Academy Meals

Due to rising costs for supplies and staffing, there will be a slight increase in the price of pupil hot meals from **January 2025**. Although the amount has not been decided yet, we do not anticipate the new price exceeding £2.60 per day.

Free School Meals Eligibility

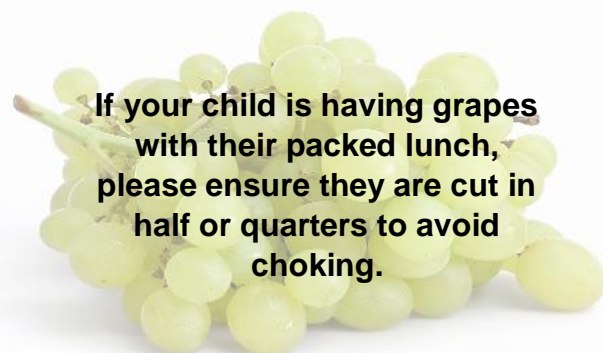
If you believe your child may qualify for means-tested free school meals, please see the information link below. www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

QKA Gate

A polite reminder that collecting children at the end of the day from the back gate near QKA is **only** by prior arrangement with the office or Senior Leaders. All other children must be collected by walking round the one-way system through the front of the academy and across the playground. Thank you for helping to keep all of our children safe.

Dates for Your Calendar

Friday 4th October 2024 – 9am - New In-take Tour
Tuesday 8th October 2024 – 1.45pm - New In-take Tour
Wednesday 9th October 2023- Children's Academy Photo Day
Monday 28th October 2024 – Half Term
Tuesday 15th October 2024 - Parents Evening
Wednesday 16th October 2024 - Parents Evening
Monday 4th November 2024 – Children return.
Thursday 7th November 2024– 9am - New In-take Tour
Wednesday 20th November 2024 – 1.45pm - New In-take Tour



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