

October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great start to the new academic year! I would like to thank parents, carers and children for the warm welcome that I have received.

All the children have settled into their new classes very well and there is some fantastic work going on. The Foundation Stage have been busy learning about Halloween and have had fun with the story Room on the Broom. Key Stage 1 have been learning about Fairy Stories and today has seen a wonderful immersion in the changing season of Autumn. In Year 3 and 4 the children have been learning about Ancient Egypt and yesterday there was fun to be had with an Egyptian party, including a pyramid building competition! In Year 5 the children have been learning about the Mayan's and the quality of writing has been very impressive as well as some very detailed Mayan masks. Our Year 6's look very business-like in their black sweatshirts and I am delighted to say that their approach to their studies has been just the same. Of course there has been fun for them too, with a Greek Master Chef afternoon.

Next half term sees the start of an exciting project for our Foundation Stage. Work will begin on transforming the outdoor provision. Outdoor learning is essential for children's physical development as well as developing an understanding of the world. In the Foundation Stage half of all children's learning takes place in the outdoors, so it is imperative that we get this right. We will be installing a climbing frame with a trim trail and slide, as well as having a free standing water wall and multilevel water tray with bucket and pulley system for children to investigate. The Foundation Stage team are very excited about the new learning opportunities that this will provide for our children.

In Key Stage 2 we are developing an inspiring reading area. Mr. Limbert is busy preparing an area in school that will provide a cosy area with exciting books to continue to develop a love of reading amongst our children. It will be truly magical watch out for further news on this!

We will be holding an Open Evening on Monday 7th November between 4pm and 6pm for any parents that are applying for a FS2 place for their child for September 2017.

Thank you all for taking the time to speak to our teachers on parent's evening and for the continued support you give your children in completing homework.

I look forward to updating you again on events and progress within school. Please continue to talk to teachers about any aspect of your child's learning or if you have any concerns or questions for us.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Academy