



MANSFIELD PRIMARY ACADEMY


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Dear families,

I hope you all had a fantastic break and enjoyed the Christmas period. The return to school this term has been excellent. The children have settled easily and are ready to learn. It won't be long until we start to have more light in the mornings and the longer days make us feel more refreshed. I wanted to take a moment to give you some updated information around the workings of the academy. Firstly, all Forest Schools/Science lessons with Mr Wilson will take place in the Heritage building, children will register in their classes as normal and will move across to the room where all the resources for learning will be available. Having everything in one place and not moving from classroom to classroom will mean the lessons run smoothly. It also gives the children the opportunity to practice their learning in a different location which will be a key skill as they move throughout their education, especially in secondary school. The outdoor classroom, in Key Stage 2, is still going ahead and should be installed just after the February half term break, providing a much-needed shelter, and learning opportunities.

The Academy Day

Please can I remind everyone that the school day starts at **8:45-3:15 (Foundation 8:40)**. Children arriving after this time will be marked late. Arriving late puts the staff and children in a poor situation, the lessons have already started, and the rest of the class are working. Late arrivals can cause children anxiety and cause further issues for the child and disrupts the learning taking place. The back gate will continue to be **closed at 8:45**, all arrivals after this time will need to go via the main entrance so we can help identify support you may require.

Class Dojo

A review of Class Dojo has resulted in a new point system that rewards and celebrates success, great work in class and positive behaviours in lessons. The standardised point system has been introduced to ensure that all children who demonstrate any of these will receive the same set number of points across the school. Therefore, as of Monday 16th January, **ALL** dojo points will be reset. Rewards will be given in prizes and certificates as children hit different totals allowing us to track and compare classes and children's attitude to learning. I apologise for this re-launch, but I want the children to work towards achieving these milestones from the same starting point.

Dinners

Please remember to allocate your child's meals at least one week in advance. This system has been introduced across all Greenwood Academy Schools. Those who are entitled to Free School Meals who do not have any allocated, will automatically be given cheese sandwiches. The dinner orders go straight through to Skegby Academy who order, cook, and deliver our meals. If you are struggling with how to access your dinner choices, please contact reception where the office staff will support you. I understand that this can be frustrating, it is for me, and I have expressed my concerns to leaders at GAT. I am led to believe there may be some changes occurring as

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alternative arrangements are being explored, but this will take time to implemented when they are agreed. We will keep you updated as soon as we know more.

Educational Visits/Finances

At this time when finances are stretched, we will keep costs of educational visits to a minimum. We understand the financial stress you may be under at this time. Please use the dates below to see what your children will be involved in. As always payment donations are gratefully received and allow us to keep providing these great experiences for your children. Remember, we have the food bank supplied through *Tracy's Street Kitchen* and an array of uniform for you to use. Please, talk to us if you are finding things hard and we will attempt to help where we can.

Upcoming Dates

Date	Event	Info	Year Group
04 January 2023	INSET DAY	No School for children	All
05 January 2023	First Day of Spring Term 1	First day back	All
w/c 30th Jan 2023 tbc	Coffee afternoon and PTA	Heritage/Hall from 2.30pm	All
30 January 2023	School Trip	National Space Centre	Reception
01 February 2023	School Trip	Glazy Place Mansfield	Year 5
07 February 2023	Safer Internet Day		All
09 February 2023	School Trip	Butterfly House & Wildlife Centre	Year 3
10 February 2023	Young Voices Concert	Sheffield Arena	Choir
10 February 2023	Last Day of Spring Term 1	Last day of school	All
20 February 2023	INSET DAY	No School for children	All
21 February 2023	First Day of Spring Term 2	First day back	All
23 February 2023	School Trip	National Emergency Services Museum	Year 1
23 February 2023	Year 4 & 5 Swimming commences x 6 weeks	SWIM centre	Year 4 & 5
27 February 2023	School Trip	York Jorvik Centre	Year 6
02 March 2023	World Book Day	Come dressed as favourite book or character	All
02 March 2023	Year 4 & 5 Swimming	SWIM centre	Year 4 & 5
09 March 2023	Year 4 & 5 Swimming	SWIM centre	Year 4 & 5
15 March 2023	School Trip	Sherwood Forest	Year 2
16 March 2023	Year 4 & 5 Swimming	SWIM centre	Year 4 & 5
17 March 2023	Red Nose Day	Non uniform	All
17 March 2023	St. Patricks Day		All
22 to 29 March 2023	Scholastic Book Fair	Hall	All
22 March 2023	School Trip	Sundown	Nursery & Reception
23 March 2023	Year 4 & 5 Swimming	SWIM centre	Year 4 & 5
28 March 2023	Parents Evening	Hall	All
29 March 2023	Chocolate Bingo	Hall	All
30 March 2023	School Trip	Magna Science Museum	Year 4
23 March 2023	Year 4 & 5 Swimming	SWIM centre	Year 4 & 5
31 March 2023	100% Attendance Trip	Spring Term 100%	Invite only
31 March 2023	Last Day of Spring Term 1 for Easter Break	Last day of school	All
17 April 2023	First Day of Summer Term 1	First day back	All
19 April 2023	Y6 Swimming starts - every Wednesday		Year 6
26 April 2023	School Trip	Bakewell Old House Museum	Year 5
26 April 2023	Y6 Swimming		Year 6
01 May 2023	KS1 SATS commence		Year 1 and 2
03 May 2023	Y6 Swimming		Year 6
08 May 2023	Bank Holiday	Coronation of King Charles III	
08 May 2023	KS2 SATS commence (1 week)		Year 6
16 May 2023	School Trip	Yorkshire Wildlife Park	Reception
17 May 2023	Y6 Swimming		Year 6
24 May 2023	Y6 Swimming		Year 6
26 May 2023	Last day of Summer Term 1	Last day of school	All
05 June 2023	INSET DAY	No School for Children	All
06 June 2023	Y4 Multiplication Tables (3 weeks)		Year 4
06 June 2023	First Day of Summer Term 2	First day back	All
07 June 2023	Y6 Swimming starts		Year 6
12 June 2023	School Trip TBC	National Coal Mining Museum	Year 6
12 June 2023	Phonics Screening check week		Year 1 and 2
14 June 2023	Y6 Swimming		Year 6
20 June 2023	School Trip	Newstead Abbey	Year 2
20 June 2023	School Trip	Curiosity Town	Nursery
21 June 2023	Y6 Swimming		Year 6
w/c 26 June 2023 TBC	Coffee afternoon and PTA	Heritage/Hall from 2.30pm	All
26 June 2023	KS2 Sports Day	Field	Y3,4,5,6
28 June 2023	Y6 Swimming		Year 6
28 June 2023	School Trip	Bosworth Battle Fields	Year 4
30 June 2023	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day	EYFS am KS1 PM	Rec, Nur, Y1, Y2
03 July 2023	School Trip	Sherwood Pines	Nursery & Reception
03 July 2023	School Trip	Gainsborough Hall	Year 1
06 July 2023	School Trip	Weston Park Museum	Year 3
05 July 2023	Y6 Swimming		Year 6
07 July 2023	100% Attendance Trip	100% Attendance Summer Term	Invite only
12 July 2023	Y6 Swimming		Year 6
13 July 2023	100% Attendance Trip	100% Attendance Whole Year	Invite only

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19 July 2023	Y6 Swimming		Year 6
20 July 2023	Summer Fayre	Outside KS2 playground/Hall	All
TBC	Year 6 DARE Graduation	Hall	
24 July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Trip	TBC	Year 6
24 July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Party	Hall/outside	Year 6
25 July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Hall	All
25 July 2023	Last day of Summer Term 2	Last day of school	All
TBC	PJ Day		
TBC	World Royalty Day		
TBC	Careers Day		

KEY	
	Term Start/End
	School Trip
	In school event
	INSET Day
	School Swimming

Boosters

Across school, staff are always willing to offer their services to provide support and improve outcomes for children. Your child may therefore be invited for extra sessions. If you would like your child to come to these sessions, breakfast will be provided by school before their session starts.

Parent volunteers

We know some of you have expressed an interest in helping within the Academy when you have capacity. We would value support in school to help our children with their interactions and reading. If this is something you would be interested in, please speak to your child's class teacher, or communicate this with the office. A full DBS check will need to be completed prior to starting.

Following the success of the 'Coffee and Crafts afternoon', we are developing additional sessions for you to come into the academy and share your child's learning. Over the next couple of months class teachers will be inviting you into the academy, we look forward to seeing you participating in these.

Best wishes



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Principal