

Friday 12 January 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are posting pictures and updates on Facebook and Twitter all the time—often these include reminders about events, what is happening during the school day and images from trips. We also post news on our website which is linked to our Facebook and Twitter pages. If you are not already connected to our Social Media pages then you can find them here:

<https://twitter.com/ConcordiaREAch2>

<https://www.facebook.com/ConcordiaAcademyREAch2/>

You can find our website at:

[www.concordiaacademy.co.uk](http://www.concordiaacademy.co.uk)

Kind Regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar  
Headteacher

## KEY DATES 2017/18

### Spring Term 2018

**Tuesday 23 January**

Coffee morning for parents  
(starting at 9.20am)

**Friday 9 February**

Children break up for half term

**Monday 19 February**

Children return to school

**Wednesday 7 March**

Coffee morning for parents  
(starting at 9.20am)

**Thursday 22 March**

Parent's Evening

**Thursday 29 March**

Last day of term

### Summer Term 2018

**Monday 16 April**

Staff training day—school closed

**Tuesday 17 April**

Children's first day of term

**Thursday 3 May**

Staff training day—school closed

**Monday 7 May**

Bank Holiday—school closed

**Friday 25 May**

Children break up for half term

**Monday 4 June**

Children return to school

**Thursday 5 July**

Parent's Evening

**Friday 6 July**

Staff training day—school closed

**Friday 20 July**

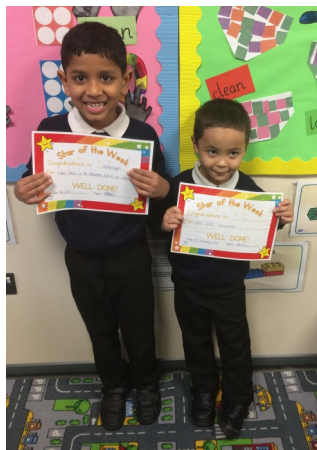
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*\*Further dates will be added as and when necessary*

## STAR OF THE WEEK

The Star of the Week for Sunflower Class is Karthikeyan. Karthikeyan has shown fantastic focus this week, especially during our trip to St Paul's Cathedral. He was eager to learn all about how the cathedral was built and the people involved. He has also been working hard in maths and learning all about using Venn Diagrams to sort coins.

Our Star of the Week in Bluebell Class is Ty! Ty has been making a great effort with his behaviour and always shows everyone Star Sitting on the carpet. His fantastic sitting means that he is extra focused and has been making really good progress in phonics as a result. Well done Ty, keep it up!



## ATTENDANCE

Attendance this week for Bluebell Class was 89%. Attendance for Sunflower Class was 94%. Well done to Sunflower Class for having the best attendance this week.

Coming to school on time every day makes a significant difference to how well children do at school. Make sure your child doesn't miss out by bringing them to school every day. Missed learning time cannot be made up and it is the children who lose out.

Please remember we do not authorise holiday absences during term time.



**ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL UNIFORM EVERY**

## OUR NEW PE TEACHER

As you know, we have a PE specialist who comes to Concordia Academy every Friday to teach both classes—his name is Ben Kent. We asked Ben to share some background information with the parents which he was pleased to do. Below you can find out a little bit about him.

Hi everyone! My name is Ben and I am very proud to be teaching your children at Concordia Academy. I have lots of ideas for sporting events for the children over the next few months and will be working hard to establish a sporting culture at the school.

A bit about me! I have run various half marathons and last year completed the Brighton Marathon to raise money for charity. My next event is the Thorpe Park half marathon in February.

Throughout my school years I represented my district in football and badminton. I've also captained South Essex in cricket. I hold an FA Level 2 Coaching Certificate (Football) as well as a Certificate in Activity Leadership. I'm currently two thirds of the way through a Higher Education Diploma in Sport & Fitness, which I hope to have completed by Christmas! I am also currently studying the Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket with the England Cricket Board.

I look forward to meeting you all at some point in the future, possibly on Sports Day! All the best.



## PROJECT HOMEWORK

The children (and parents!), have once again excelled and sent in some truly fabulous and interesting homework projects. The quality of the design and creativity has been very impressive across both classes and choosing an overall winner from each class proved a real challenge. See below for the winner from each class and the exceptional projects they created.

### Sunflower Class

During the Winter Break the children were asked to create a model of a habitat for an animal. All the children created wonderful models and it was very difficult to choose a winner! However Poppy created a very unique model of a birds nest and really thought outside the box with her creation. Well done Poppy!

### Bluebell Class

Well done to everyone who took part in our Make and Do challenge. We're very impressed by the effort that was put in and it has been great to see the children talk about their models with such enthusiasm. The star prize has been awarded to Delila for her fantastic ambulance. Not only is her model fantastic but she was able to tell everyone exactly how she made it. Great work, Delila!



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