

Friday 28 September 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to the parents that attended the phonics workshop for Reception parents this week. We had very positive feedback about the event!

Some new dates have been added to the calendar, including literacy workshops for Y1 and Y2 parents. Separate letters about these are going out today, but the aim of these workshops is to support you in helping your child with their learning at home. We look forward to seeing all parents at these workshops.

Kind regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar
Headteacher

STAR OF THE WEEK

This week, the Star of the Week in Bluebell Class is Molly! Molly shows excellent manners in the dining hall and always says please and thank you to the dinner ladies. Not only this but she makes a huge effort to eat with her knife and fork, setting a good example to all of the other children around her. Keep it up, Molly!

Star of the Week in Sunflower Class is Anastasia. This week we have started our independent work in Guided Reading and Anastasia has been working very hard to complete her activities to a high standard. Her activity about the setting of her book was particularly spectacular because she used a lot of detail in her work. Keep it up Anastasia!

Star of the week in Poppy is Mason. He has persevered in Maths this week and his mental maths has been of an accurate and quick nature. Well done Mason, keep up the good work.



KEY DATES 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018

Friday 5 October

Y1 Parent Workshop at 2.30pm

Wednesday 10 October

Y2 Parent Workshop at 2.30pm

Wednesday 10 October

Y1 at Hornchurch Country Park

Friday 19 October

Children break up for half term

Monday 29 October

Staff training day—school closed

Tuesday 30 October

Children return to school

Wednesday 31 October

Halloween dress up day

Thursday 1 November

Official Opening Ceremony

Friday 9 November

School photos—Individual and sibling photos

Monday 12 November

Parent Coffee Morning

Monday 12 November

Y1 and Y2 cinema trip

Friday 16 November

Children in Need dress up day

Thursday 22 November

Bluebell at Discover Story Centre

Wednesday 12 December

All classes at Romford Nativity Project

Thursday 13 December

Parents' Evening

Friday 14 December

Xmas Jumper Day

Monday 17 December

Xmas performance

Wednesday 19 December

Last day of term

**Dates may be added and amended as and when necessary*

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for Bluebell Class this week was 98%. Sunflower Class had attendance of 90%. Poppy Class had attendance of 95%. Well done to Bluebell for being the attendance superstars this week!

Coming to school on time every day makes a significant difference to how well children achieve 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.



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND CARNIVAL

In October, the children at Concordia Academy will be learning about and celebrating Black History Month. This will involve the children learning about important figures from Black British History and the contribution they have made to English history and culture.



IDRIS ELBA OBE, ACTOR



DIANE ABBOTT, FIRST BLACK WOMAN MP



DAVID DABYDEEN, WRITER



ZADIE SMITH, WRITER AND AUTHOR



BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH, POET



LENNY HENRY, COMEDIAN



BARONESS VALERIE AMOS, POLITICIAN



STEVE MCQUEEN CBE, FILM DIRECTOR



RISSI DYNARITE, SINGER



GINA MILLER, POLITICAL CAMPAIGNER



SIR TREVOR MCDONALD, NEWSREADER

On Wednesday 17 October we are holding a mini-carnival in the school hall to celebrate Black History Month! This will involve children showcasing costumes they have made, as well as afro Caribbean food and music. It would be great to have support from our parents so if anyone would like to donate some traditional food then please speak to Ms Black who is organising the event. The carnival will take place in the school hall at the end of the day, and we look forward to seeing you all there.

A more detailed letter will go out closer to the time!



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