

Friday 5 October 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's been another hard working week here at Concordia and our children are now very much back in the routine of learning. It is imperative in these early weeks that home support and school support for children align, to that end I am holding workshops for Y1 today and for Y2 next Wednesday. These workshops will outline how we are teaching reading and writing in both year groups, and the expectations for your child this year. Please do get in touch if you have any questions after these workshops, and if you require any further guidance in supporting your child at home.

Kind regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar
Headteacher

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

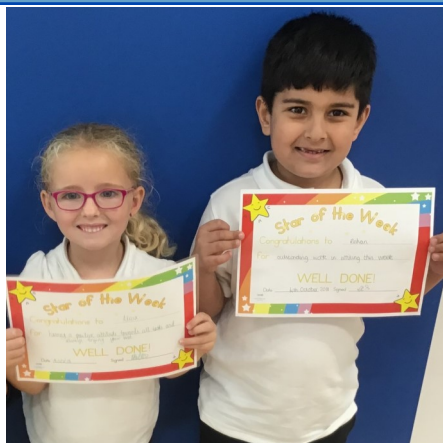
Xmas performance

Wednesday 19 December

Last day of term

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

STAR OF THE WEEK



Our Star of the Week in Reception is Haroon! Haroon has been joining in brilliantly at carpet time and has been doing some excellent partner talk. Well done, Haroon!

The Star of the Week for Sunflower Class is Alicia. Alicia has a positive attitude towards all learning and is a very hard worker who always tries her best at every activity. Alicia sets a wonderful example for her peers and has had a super start in Year 1. Keep up the great work!

The Star of the Week for Poppy Class is

Rehan. Rehan has produced outstanding writing this week, his writing is neat, correctly joined and contains powerful adjectives. Rehan sets a good example for others to follow. Keep up the great work Rehan.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for Bluebell Class this week was 99%. Sunflower Class had attendance of 90%. Poppy Class had attendance of 95%. Well done to Bluebell for being the attendance superstars again 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.



ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL UNIFORM EVERY DAY PLEASE!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CARNIVAL

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.



HARVEST

The Autumn months are traditionally Harvest season. We would like to celebrate Harvest at our Concordia Academy by collecting food this half-term to donate to the local foodbank in Romford. As you may have noticed, the amount of homeless people in Romford has increased and this is leading to greater need for supporting these people with basic necessities, such as food.

We would like the children to bring in donations of food from the week beginning 15th October. Donations can be made throughout that week but please ensure that all donations are with us by Thursday 18 October as we aim to deliver the donated food to the foodbank on Friday 19th October. We will be taking some of our children with us to the foodbank, and we'll publish details of the trip in the newsletter for that week.

In terms of the food, any items of packaged or tinned food are welcome but the foodbank urgently needs the following items: custard, sugar, sponge puddings or savoury snacks.

Please ensure that all donations are brought in to the school office rather than the playground, and handed in to Ms Clarke or Ms Hutton.

Let us know if you have any questions, and we look forward to receiving your donations!



JUNK MODELLING

Reception staff are in need of "junk" for their creative area for children to use when they are making 3D models. We would appreciate it if you could donate anything that may be useful to us including:

- Shoe/cereal/egg boxes
- Kitchen roll tubes
- Plastic bottles and lids
- Yoghurt pots

Please hand any junk items you have directly to Reception staff either at the start or the end of the day. All donations will be gratefully received and put to good use. Please see the picture on the right to see what can be done with junk modelling!



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