

Friday 13 March 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a worrying few weeks with the coronavirus epidemic currently engulfing the country, and we are aware that parents and carers are rightfully worried and nervous about the situation. From our perspective, let me assure you that as a school and as part of REAch2 Academy Trust, we are doing everything we can to implement the guidance from the government, including cleaning the school thoroughly and giving daily cleanliness reminders to children and staff.

As a precaution, we have cancelled all trips and any events that require a gathering of external visitors, including PTA events and workshops. From Monday, we will also be asking parents to refrain from gathering on school premises during the beginning and the end of the day. Parents should drop off or collect their child and then leave site straight away. We hope you understand the need for all of these precautions, and we will continue to update you over the coming days and weeks. Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar  
Headteacher

## KEY DATES 2019/20

### Autumn Term 2019

**Friday 20 March**  
Pet Visit Day for Reception

**Wednesday 1 April**  
Parents' Evening

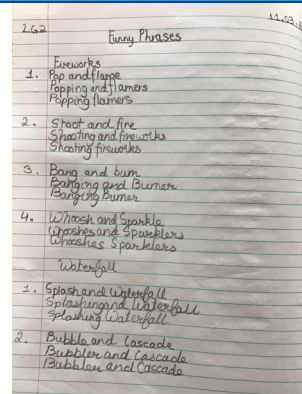
**Friday 3 April**  
Children break up for Easter holidays

*\*Dates may be added or amended as necessary*

## CURRICULUM CORNER - CARNATION CLASS

During our literacy lessons this term we have been looking at poems and how to write them. The children have enjoyed looking at a variety of poems and using their ideas to create their own poems.

We have been discussing the different poetic devices such as alliteration, rhyming words, onomatopoeia and how these techniques can help us read and imagine poems in different ways. In writing funny phrases from compound words, we have been working towards writing our own poems on the 'Water-cycle'.



## ATTENDANCE

Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Bluebell	91.9%
Daisy	81.0%
Sunflower	94.8%
Poppy	89.6%
Carnation	91.6%

Congratulations to Sunflower Class who are our attendance award winners again this week! We award a rosette to the winners in assembly each week, and the winning class at the end of the term receives a prize.

Good attendance at school is one of the key indicators of educational success for a child throughout their school life, so make it a priority to get your child to school every day.

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**



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## STAR OF THE WEEK



Star of the Week in Bluebell Class is Jeremiah! Jeremiah showed great enthusiasm when participating in our class science experiment. Jeremiah was able to accurately explain the results of the experiment to his peers. Fantastic work, Jeremiah!



Star of the Week in Daisy Class is Sanjay! During Science Week we experimented with colour changing water. Sanjay was very excited to take part in the experiments and enjoyed commenting and asking lots of questions about what might happen. Well done, Sanjay!



Star of the Week in Sunflower Class is Kris! In Science this week, Kris worked exceptionally well with his team to create a life-sized drawing of a classmate and discussed how we are all different and unique. Great effort, Kris!

Star of the Week in Poppy Class is Deny! During our science experiment, Deny used his scientific knowledge of how animals adapt to their environment to successfully camouflage an 'animal' (a pipe cleaner!) in our classroom. Well done, Deny!

Star of the Week in Carnation Class is Maya! During Science Week, Maya has been showing great enthusiasm to know more and is always thinking outside the box. While learning about animal habitats, Maya created a detailed and well thought out Invertebrate hotel. Great work, Maya, keep it up!

## SCIENCE WEEK



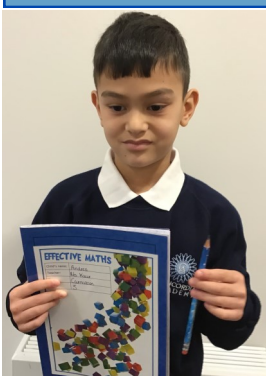
This week we have celebrated Science Week at Concordia Academy! Every afternoon children across all year groups have taken part in a variety of science based activities which they have enjoyed immensely.

We also had a school assembly delivered by Andrew Sidders from the Essex Wildlife Trust, who told us about lots of different wildlife in our local environment and gave us some tips about how to protect them.



Finally we awarded the winners of our Science Week homework, we received many very interesting and creative posters and it was clear to see that a lot of effort had been put into these projects. Well done to all our winners!

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS



During Literacy today, Year 2 talked about the big question: "Are animals as important as humans?". Matias came up with a fantastic answer, using his scientific knowledge to tell the class. Well done, Matias!

The Headteacher Award goes to Andrea this week! During maths, Andrea has shown great engagement and hard work. He continues to wow his class teacher with his effort to push himself to do better. Well done Andrea, keep it up!



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