

Friday 7 January 2022

**Dear Parents & Carers,**

I hope you have all had a restful break.

It has been a challenging start to the new term, but we are very hopeful that many of our absent staff will return to school next week. Reception classes will return on Monday 10 January and we look forward to seeing our youngest children back next week.

There are no Star of the Week or Headteacher Awards in the newsletter this week because school only resumed on Wednesday, our first awards of the new term will be given out next week. There is, however, in this newsletter a message from each class teacher from Y1-Y5 about how the children have settled into the first week back.

Next week, children at Concordia Academy will be learning all about Space! The classes will focus on learning about different aspects of Space such as planets, moons, black holes, gravity, the sun and travelling in space. Every afternoon, children will have the chance to explore these topics and complete related experiments. Additionally, we have visitors coming in to teach the children about space in a mobile observatory. You can get your child ahead by clicking on to and exploring this website which has lots of great information:



<https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/menu/space/>

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar  
Headteacher

**Spring Term First Half 2022  
Key Dates**

**Week beginning Monday 10  
January**  
Space Week

**Thursday 13 and Friday 14 January**  
Space Dome workshops for all classes

**Wednesday 26 January**  
Daffodil Class at St Edwards Church during the afternoon

**Tuesday 1 February**  
Sunflower Class at St Edwards Church during the afternoon

**Wednesday 2 February**  
Lilac Class at St Edwards Church during the afternoon

**Friday 4 February**  
Number Day

**Tuesday 8 February**  
Safer Internet Day

**Friday 11 February**  
Last day of term

## ATTENDANCE

Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Buttercup	-
Bluebell	-
Daisy	-
Daffodil	97.9%
Lilac	91.7%
Sunflower	90.1%
Poppy	90.3%
Lily	94.7%
Carnation	92.6%
Orchid	96.6%
Magnolia	94.9%

Congratulations to Daffodil Class & Orchid Class who are our KS1 and KS2 attendance award winners this week with 97.9% and 96.6% attendance! The class with the highest attendance percentage at the end of each term will receive a special prize. Coming to school on time every day makes a significant difference to how well children achieve at school. 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.

Please remember that we do not authorise holidays during term time.



Every Day  
+  
On Time  
+  
Attendance  
= Academic Success



**ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL UNIFORM EVERY DAY**

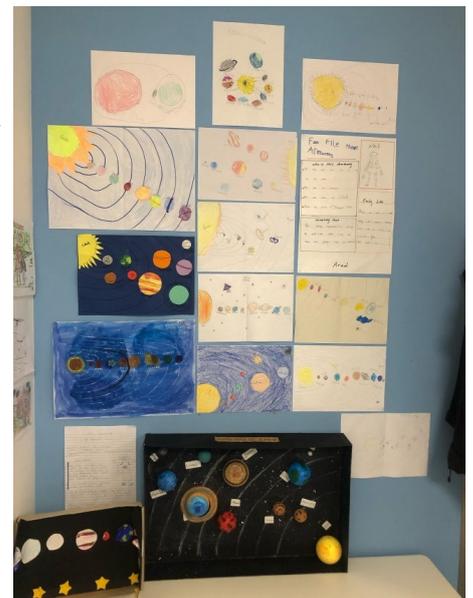
## FIRST WEEK BACK

The children in Sunflower Class have had a super return to school this week. They all came back to school ready to learn, and have shown excellent levels of concentration towards their tasks. Many children have also completed their homework and have brought in fantastic space projects. We have had all kinds of interesting displays including a book, models and posters of the solar system and we have been very impressed with the level of effort the children have put into this work. We can't wait to see what the children will achieve this term.



This term, Daffodil Class will have a special focus during Science Week, with a focus on Space. In preparation for this, Y1 were asked to create a project over the Christmas holidays. They have researched all about Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon! They were also asked to create a solar system at home using everyday objects. Here are some examples of the work the children have created in Daffodil class. It has been wonderful to see such great enthusiasm towards learning about Space and sharing their learning with their peers.

Lilac Class has had an excellent start to the new term, they have already started to work super hard to complete all tasks! Lots of children in Lilac Class completed their homework to a very high standard and we have been blown away by the excellent Space projects that the children have been working on! The children clearly put in a tremendous amount of effort and we are super impressed. Keep up the good work Lilac class, we are looking forward to a fun-filled term.



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Lily Class have had a really positive start to the term. It was so lovely to see the children's beaming faces and to hear their 'Happy New Year' well wishes on Wednesday morning - we have missed them all! Keep up the fabulous effort, Lily Class!

# Happy New Year!

This week, Poppy class have been sharing the projects they created over the Christmas break. We have started to 'Show and Tell' all the creative posters and Weather Stations that the children created. We have learned key words such as 'temperature' and 'thermometer'. Amazing work, Poppy class!



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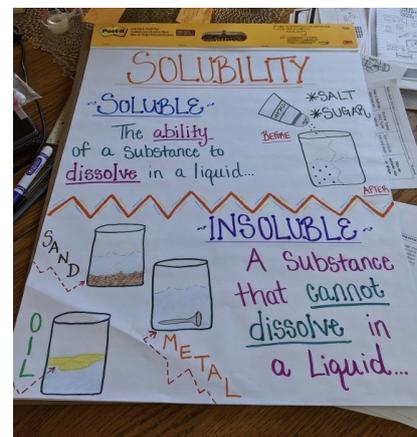
What a start to the New Year! I am incredibly proud of how well Year 4 have settled in this week. They have grown considerably over the Christmas holiday, in both maturity and size! It is amazing what a Christmas Dinner can do! They have also worked exceptionally hard on both their Science and Topic homework, producing some outstanding research and Art pieces! Their creativity and dedication has blown me away and has made me extremely excited to see what the rest of the year will bring!



Carnation class have come back with an enthusiastic approach to our new topic - Modern Europe. They have completed many amazing home learning projects that they have shared with the class, explaining what they have learnt in the process. Well done!!



Firstly, Happy New Year! Year 5 have made a great start to the Spring Term. We have been introduced to our new science topic called Changing Materials and we discovered that different solids can be soluble or insoluble. We carried out a test and then we designed a range of posters to give more information about soluble and insoluble materials.



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