**Parent Communication Letter** **- Friday 25 October 2024.**

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| **Academy News**  **Thank you!**  As we come to the end of the first half term of the year, I would like to thank you all for your support over the last eight weeks. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Reading Cafes and Harvest Festival celebrations. We look forward to seeing you all when the academy reopens on Monday 4th November.  **Clubs**  These will begin the first week back after half term. You will receive notification if your child has secured a place at a club after half term.  **Pupil Premium**  If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please look on our website for more information. Even if your child receives them because they are in KS1 or Early Years, it is beneficial if you are eligible, that you apply. The academy will also receive extra money to go towards our pupils’ education and resources. You can check for free, whether you are able to claim, using this link: [Free School Meal Eligibility Checker](https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/)  **Vacancies**  We have a couple of vacancies at the academy; we are looking for a Teaching Assistant and a Cleaner. If you are interested, please look on the OAT website for more details.  **Parking Courteously**  For the safety of the children and others, please ensure you are parked courteously on the roads and grass verges by the Academy.  **Late Arrival**  If you arrive at 8.50am or later, please enter via the main academy office, not the classroom door. |
| **Diary Dates**   * Monday 4th November: First Day of Autumn Term 2. * Tuesday 12th November: Parents’ Evening. * Thursday 14th November: Parents’ Evening. * Friday 15th November: Children In Need 2024. * Wednesday 20th November: Reception 2025-26 Open Evening. * Thursday 21st November: Class Photographs. * Friday 22nd November: Flu Immunisation Day 1. * Friday 6th December: Flu Immunisation Day 2. * Friday 20th December: Last Day of Autumn 2. * Monday 6th January: First Day of Spring Term 1. |
| **Weekly Winners**  Each week, teachers select a pupil who has particularly impressed them with their attitude to learning, behaviour, effort etc. This week’s stars are:   * Adventurers: Silvio * Explorers: Augustin * Searchers: Chantelle * Seekers: Kassius * Pioneers: Konor * Investigators: Filip * Wayfarers: Libby * Navigators: Elijah * Creators: Tommy B. * Pathfinders: Isabelle * Voyagers: Fae * Venturers: Sofia * Crusaders: Arna * Discoverers: Percy   This week’s Principal’s Award goes to Ivie (Y2), Nial (Y3), Darcie (Y3), Lily (Y4), Dayyan (Y5), Isabelle (Y5), Ashlyn (Y6), Lola (Y6).  This week’s winning marble colour is the BLUE team. |
| **Attendance**  The Autumn Term Attendance Prize will be a Tablet! There will be a prize for EYFS / KS1 and a prize for KS2. Winners will be drawn at the end of the Summer Term. All children whose attendance is 98% or above will have the chance to win.  The winning classes for the collective highest attendance this week are:  Early Years and Key Stage 1: Investigators  Key Stage 2: Navigators  A big well done to both classes!  We are always striving to improve our attendance figures. Children who are in school are safe and accessing education to help them thrive. They are socialising with peers and learning how to be positive members of their community.  Our year-to-date attendance target is 96%, the whole school’s attendance is 93.26% this week.  Wherever possible, please ensure your child is attending every day to avoid missing valuable learning opportunities. |