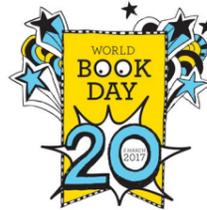


## Dates for your diary...

16th January	Y2 Music Day	
18th January	RS to the Library	
19th January	11am Photos catch up	
23rd January	Y1 and 2B Music Day	
	RW to the Library	
25th January	RM to the Library	
	5D/6C to Hollywood Bowl (Reading Treat)	
31st January	RS/RM to Play World, Eston (Reading Treat)	
15th February	Spring Disco	
17th February	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM	
27th February	Back to school Y6 Music Day	
2nd March	World Book Day	
6th March	Y5 Music Day	
24th March	Red Nose Day	
27th March	Y4 Music Day	
3rd April	Y3 Music Day	
7th April	BREAK UP FOR EASTER	
24th April	Back to school	

## Important Dates for the Summer Term 2017

Please note:

Year 6 SATs will be w/b 8th May 2017

Year 2 children will sit their SATs during the month of May

Year 1 children will do their Phonics Screening w/b 12th June

We expect the children to be in the academy during these dates, as they are very important times in their Education.



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## Spring Newsletter



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Wishing you all a very Happy New Year

We hope you enjoyed all our lovely festive events during December, which included amazing Performances, a wonderful Carol Service at Middlesbrough Cathedral, our Christmas Enterprise and fun parties.



Thank you for all your support with these events.



## READING

Reading remains our number one priority across the academy, and the children are exposed to a rich and varied reading curriculum to support their progress. We also monitor carefully the reading the children do at home.

Congratulations to 6C (Mrs Clark's class) and 5D (Miss Darragh's class) in KS2 and RS (Miss Simpson's old class) and RM (Mrs McFarlane's class) in EYFS.

These 4 classes had the highest totals across school for home reading in Autumn 2016. They have won a trip to Hollywood Bowl (older children) and Play World (younger children).

Please support your child to read at least 4 times each week. It could be their class earning the next treat! Good luck!

## Baby News

Many congratulations to Miss Walker who had a baby girl at the end of the Christmas Holidays. We wish you lots of happy days (and hopefully not too many sleepless nights) with Alice Rose.



## 100% Attendance

We had 48 children from across the academy who managed to achieve 100% attendance in the Autumn term. Last Friday, these children were rewarded with a trip to the Cinema to see Finding Dory. Our attendance was affected by illness before the holidays, so let's see if we can have a healthy 2017 and more children getting 100% in the Spring Term.

## Fantastic Behaviour

Well done to the 74 children who received no behaviour stages over the Autumn term. Please be proud of the certificate you received, and continue to be the excellent role models you are across the academy.

## Clothing

Please ensure that all children's clothes are clearly labelled with their full name, to avoid items getting lost or muddled.

Please can all children bring a suitable coat to school during the winter months, so they are adequately dressed for playtimes.



## Holidays in Term Time

We have had a large number of request for children to take holidays in term time recently. It is the policy of both the academy and Redcar and Cleveland to only agree to holidays in exceptional circumstances. If you choose to take your child out of school during term time, you may be issued with a fine.

It is really important for children to attend school as regularly as possible. Teaching happens at a very fast pace, and even a few days out of lessons can lead to children falling behind where they should be. If children regularly miss weeks of primary school each year, this can impact even at GCSE level. Of children who regularly have less than 90% attendance at school, only 35% achieve 5 or more GCSEs at grades A\* to C, but 73% of pupils who attend 95% of school achieve this.

## Meet our new staff who we welcome to the academy.....



**Miss K. Axford**  
Office Administrator  
Miss Axford has joined our office team.



**Miss E. Thwaite**  
Class Teacher  
Miss Thwaite will be teaching Class 4W while Miss Walker is on maternity leave.

Mrs Douglas and Mrs Johnson are Deputy Head of Academies and will be working across the three academies in the Trust. You will see them at Dormanstown on certain days of the week.



**Mrs P. Douglas**  
Responsible for Development of Mastery and Secondary Readiness, with an English specialism.



**Mrs J. Johnson**  
SEND Team  
Extensive experience of special education.