

A note from Mrs Poppett....

As we come to the end of another busy term, it has been delightful seeing the progress the children have made in their learning across all curriculum areas, since September. In addition, to the learning and progress that has been happening in school, it has been lovely to take the children on a range of education visits this term. Y1 visited the Arc (an animal sanctuary) in Selsdon; Y5 visited the Science museum and Y4 visited the National Gallery. These educational visits enabled the children to really deepen their knowledge and understanding of this area of study. I know that further educational visits are planned for other years in the Spring term—the children should be excited for this.

Reception Nativity and KS1 Christmas Show:

We would like to thank all the adults who were able to attend the Reception Nativity and the KS1 Christmas Show. It has been a long time since we have been able to share these traditional performances with parents. All the children performed brilliantly, speaking their lines confidentially and performing the wonderful songs with such energy and enjoyment. Thank you as well for your support in assisting with costumes and supporting them learn their lines and practice their dance moves.

FOB Christmas Fair:

We have also been able to hold our annual Christmas fair, over the last couple of weeks and we thank all those who attended and enjoyed the event after school. These events take a lot of hard work and preparation, so thank you to all the adults that provided support in the organisation in the lead up to the event and then those that helped set up and clear away on the day. The event raised £839.00 profit, which was pleasing as prices were kept at a minimum; some stalls were free or donations were given. We would like to thank the FOB for their continued support with fund-raising, to help support the academy in different areas.



Packed Lunches:

Please can we remind all parents that the contents of their child's packed lunch should include a range of healthy ingredients to provide energy for them to continue learning throughout the afternoon. We are seeing a lot of biscuits, cakes and chocolate bars included in packed lunches each day. In addition, drinks provided for packed lunch should be water only. All pupils who have school meals are provided with water or drink water from their own water bottles. This should be the same for pupils with packed lunches.

Remembrance Day Wreath

A special thank you to the Hughes family who laid the remembrance day wreath at the Old Coulsdon War Memorial on behalf of the academy.



Cold Weather

As the weather now seems to have turned, **ALL** children **MUST** come into school each morning wearing a coat as they will need this for break and lunchtimes when playing outside. If they need gloves and a hat, please ensure that all items are clearly named.

Support Organisations

More than 9 in 10 parents in Great Britain with dependent children reported their cost of living has increased over the past month, according to the Office for National Statistics. We would like to make parents aware that there is additional support for families struggling to access food, pay bills and manage finances.

Please see below for more information and if you believe that you may be eligible for 'The Pupil Premium Grant' please see below and click on the link.

Citizens Advice Croydon

Offer a range of services such as helping to maximise income, review welfare/benefits and refer to other local support services. <https://www.citizensadvicecroydon.org/>
Tel: 0800 144 88 48



Croydon Voluntary Action

Are well-connected and knowledgeable about support in the local community, around Croydon. Have access to information about food support schemes as well as other support on a very local level. <https://cvalive.org.uk/contact-us/> Switch Board: 020 8253 7060



Free School Meal Vouchers

Croydon Council has continued funding to provide all families with children eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals (FSM) with supermarket food vouchers during the Christmas period.

A £30 voucher per eligible child will be funded for the Christmas period. Please check your emails to ensure you can then redeem the vouchers given.

Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)

We are aware that lots of people's situations may have changed over the past few months due to Covid-19. If you believe that you may be eligible for 'The Pupil Premium Grant' please use this link to check your eligibility:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict/>

Pupil Premium funding is used by the school to support students and help them reach their full potential academically, through extra curricular and pastoral provision.



ParentPay Debit - Your account should always be in a credit or zero balance.

Please check your child's ParentPay account this evening and bring the account back to a credit balance if you currently have a debt amount. If you know that your child is going to have school lunches (KS2) or attend breakfast club in the new term, please credit their account with an amount to cover all meals/attendances intended to be taken, please DO NOT wait for your account to go into arrears.





The 9 Habit Awards

Congratulations to the pupils listed below who have been awarded our termly Habit awards:

Reception = Ruben Hallet (Patient)

William Brown (Considerate)

Year 1 = Raania Salim (Considerate)

Phoebe Lambert (Compassionate)

Year 2 = Jacob Osleger-Moores (Patient)

William Price (Humble)

Year 3 = Yvan Tape (Self-Controlled)

Arin Kesarwani (Considerate)

Year 4 = Joe Jewell (Joyful)

Joanne Kodiyat (Hopeful)

Year 5 = Hazel Hughes (Humble)

Theo Szulgit (Honest)

Year 6 = Sophie Pocock (Joyful)

Abbi Pitchley (Considerate)

House Point Termly Winners:

This terms house point winners were Morpugo house! Well done for working so hard

Key Dates = Spring Term 1 & 2

Date	Event
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET DAY- pupils not to attend
Wednesday 4th January	Spring 1 - start of term
Friday 20th January	FOB - Mufti Day
Monday 23rd January	Chinese New Year Assembly -Y4 parents invited to attend
Monday 30th January	Maths Subject Morning (9:00– 9:30) Parents invited into classrooms, to see how pupils learn in Maths
Friday 3rd February	FOB UV disco: (R & KS1 =15:30– 16:30) (KS2 = 17:00 –18:30)
Friday 10th February	Finish for Half term (normal time)
Monday 20th February	Spring 2 - start of term
Friday 3rd March	FOB - Mufti Day
Monday 20th March	Parents evening 3:30 - 19:30
Wednesday 22nd March	Parents evening 3:30 - 17:30
Friday 31st March	FOB Easter Egg Hunt Finish for Easter Break (normal finish)