

**Mr Singh's weekly message**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and ensuring that your child arrives to school on time. I would also like to take this opportunity to state that the Academy will not authorise holidays during term time – unless it is for an exceptional circumstance.

Please see below for our key messages for next week

**KEY MESSAGES**

**LATE COLLECTIONS**

Please kindly see below some guidance from the NSPCC regarding late collection of your child/children from school:

***What happens if parents/carers are late to collect their child***

*If parents/carers have authorised someone else to collect the child, they may not always be aware the child is being collected late. Every school should have a procedure for late collection, which all staff and parents/carers should be made fully aware of. This should include that in the event of lateness for collection the school will attempt to:*

- contact the parents/carers on the telephone numbers or email addresses they have provided*
- call emergency contacts if parents/carers cannot be reached, so an authorised adult can come and collect the child*
- keep records of late collections.*

*If parents/carers are frequently late collecting their children, schools should send home a letter advising that they have concerns about the care the child is receiving and why.*

*Parents/carers should be informed that if concerns about the child's welfare continue the school may need to make a referral to children's social care so that the family can receive support.*

The full document can be accessed here:

[Briefing for schools: Safeguarding considerations for before and after school \(nspcc.org.uk\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/working-with-schools/safeguarding-considerations-for-before-and-after-school/)

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

I would like to remind you that individual photographs of each child will be taken on Tuesday 11th October 2022. Families in school will also have the opportunity for their photograph to be taken together.

**PARENTS EVENING**

We will be holding our first Parents Evening of this academic year on Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>. This will give you a chance to come into school and discuss with your child's teacher on how they have settled onto their new year group and discuss next steps on how we can work in partnership to give your child the best chance of success this year and beyond.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Our Harvest Festival will be taking place on 20th October. We are collecting non-perishable items such as tins, bottles, packets and toiletries for our local Foodbank and Church. Whatever you can donate will help somebody in short-term need. Please kindly send in any donations between Monday 10th October – Friday 14th October – children can place items in the Harvest Box (in their classroom) Thank you

**Family Assemblies**

- 18.10.22 Year 1 and Year 2 09:30
- 20.10.22 Year 3 and Year 4 09:30
- 21.10.22 Year 5 and Year 6 09:30

Have a safe and restful weekend  
Mr J Singh

**Attendance**

<b>CATERPILLARS</b>	<b>96.3%</b>
<b>BUTTERFLIES</b>	<b>96.3%</b>
<b>PANDAS</b>	<b>93.6%</b>
<b>TIGERS</b>	<b>94.9%</b>
<b>GAZELLES</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>ELEPHANTS</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
<b>PENGUINS</b>	<b>98.4%</b>
<b>SNOW LEOPARDS</b>	<b>95.7%</b>

**Pupil of the Week**

<b>CATERPILLARS</b>	<b>Libby C, Leo B</b>
<b>BUTTERFLIES</b>	<b>Kalani B</b>
<b>PANDAS</b>	<b>Curtis G</b>
<b>TIGERS</b>	<b>Jack A</b>
<b>GAZELLES</b>	<b>Amarnie S</b>
<b>ELEPHANTS</b>	<b>Umair S</b>
<b>PENGUINS</b>	<b>Ella May H</b>
<b>SNOW LEOPARDS</b>	<b>Luna M</b>

**Key dates for your diary**

- 10.10.22: Mental Health Day
- 10.10.22: Y2 Tropical World visit (RE-SCHEDULED FROM LAST YEAR)
- 11.10.22: School Photos
- 17.10.22: Parent Voice Questionnaire
- 19.10.22: African drumming and Art workshops
- 23.10.22: End of Autumn 1 (half term)
- 31.10.22: Staff Training Day (School Closed)
- 01.11.22: School re-opens (Autumn 2)
- 01.11.22: Diwali Festival workshops

This half term we will also be conducting family assemblies, this will be an opportunity for you to come into school and gain an insight into what your child/children have been learning about.

We will also be having visitors in school for Black History Month and Diwali.

We will also be hoping to invite parents into school for the end of term House games/tournaments. More information will be shared closer to the events.

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