

Dear families,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last half term. It has been a pleasure to see the children back in the academy, working incredibly and hard making lots and lots of progress. They have been a real credit to the academy and to you.

Staffing

I would also like to take this opportunity to update you on a number of changes to staffing at Outwood Junior Academy Brumby.

After half term, Miss Barley is temporarily leaving us to go and cover a Principal's maternity post within the Trust. As a result of this, Mrs Wood has been appointed temporary Vice Principal and will work alongside Mr Tait (Head of School) and Mr Vickers (Lead Principal - Primary) in ensuring the continuity of provision for our children. Mrs Wood will continue with her current teaching commitment with 3JW and commence this role in September.

I'm sure you would like to join me in wishing them both success in their new roles.

Miss Rees has secured a permanent position at another school and will be leaving us at the end of this half term. Miss Rees has done a wonderful job working with 4DM and has established great relationships with the class; they have flourished under her stewardship. As a result of this, Mr Andrew will be working with 4DM until the end of the academic year. Mr Andrew has worked in the academy for over 2 years, knows the 4DM children, knows the year 4 curriculum inside out and understands our policies and procedures incredibly well. To ensure an effective transition for this class, Mr Andrew will be working alongside Miss Rees in 4DM for the rest of the half term.

Homework

Please encourage your child to complete the following daily homework. It really does make such a difference.

1. Reading at home daily. Last week, we saw the highest ever weekly amount of passed accelerated reading tests linked to their home reading book in the academy. Thank you. Please see the reverse of this letter to see how much daily reading can have an impact. Please try and fit this into your day.
2. TTRS (Times tables rock stars) - five one minute games in the 'garage' is best as this aspect of the game targets what your child needs to develop. This can be played through the APP or online.
3. Spelling homework - spellings are provided each week.

Car Park

After half term, we will be reducing the number of parents who are dropping their children off in a car by entering the car park. We ask that, if you no longer need to access the site, you make alternative arrangements for the first week back. However, if you feel as though you need to carry this on, please write to the academy (for the attention of Mr Vickers / Mr Tait) before Thursday 27th with **supporting evidence** as to why you **need** to have vehicular access to the school site. The school's senior leaders will meet to discuss these applications and inform you as to whether you have been successful or not on Friday 28th. We understand that this may cause some anxiety but we are now in a position where far too many cars are entering our site - many of which do not have permission to do so.

Please see our **term dates** for the next academic year (2021-2022) below.

Autumn 1 - Monday 6 Sept 2021 - Fri 22 Oct 21

October Half Term - Mon 25 Oct 2021 - Fri 29 Oct 2021

Autumn 2 - Mon 1 Nov 2021 - Fri 17 Dec 2021

Christmas Holiday - Mon 20 Dec 2021 - Mon 3rd Jan 2022

Spring 1 - Wed 5 Jan 2022 - Fri 11 Feb 2022

February Half Term - Mon 14 Feb 2022 - Fri 18 Feb 2022

Spring 2 - Mon 21 Feb 2022 - Fri 1 Apr 2022

Easter Holiday - Mon 4 Apr 2022 - Mon 18 Apr 2022

Summer 1 - Tues 19 Apr 2022 - Fri 27 May 2022

Summer Half Term - Mon 30 May 2022 - Fri 3 Jun 2022

Summer 2 - Mon 6 Jun 2022 - Th 21 Jul 2022

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mr Vickers

