



Coupals Primary Academy

Parent Bulletin No.15

Friday 12th January, 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and that you had the opportunity to rest and relax (even be it only briefly).

It has been lovely this week to see the children back in school and to hear about what they have been up to over the Christmas holidays. It certainly sounded like they have had a lot of fun while off of school.

Our week started with an assembly about the power of books and how 2018 could be a great year for our school as a reading community. Unfortunately the children didn't believe I had solved a crime, learned how to land a plane or made a film so weren't surprised when I told them I had done this by reading books over the holidays!

As I have visited classes this week I have seen some excellent learning taking place, particularly in maths and English, across all year groups. It has also been lovely to see the teachers trying new ideas (Plickers is a very clever thing if you ask your children about it) from our training days last week to improve teaching and standards across the school.

I also had the pleasure of seeing (and hearing more importantly) the children learning French with Mrs Moden this week. I was so impressed when I visited classes about the vocabulary the children are acquiring and also the very good accents that they are beginning to use to speak French. Year 2 have started French this term which is very exciting too.

The new term also sees children beginning their new topics of learning. We will be sharing some ideas and work from these new topics through the app and website over the next couple of weeks – please keep an eye out for it.

Don't forget that you can keep up with everything going on through the following:

Website: www.coupalsacademy.co.uk

Twitter: @CoupalsAcademy

Facebook: www.facebook.com/coupalsacademy

David Maguire
Headteacher

Information for parents:

Welcome to Mrs Cordwell who joins our Early Years team as a Teaching Assistant. She joins us from Clements Primary Academy and is a very welcome addition to our team replacing Mrs Pickering who left at Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who donated money for our busking on the last day of term. We raised £90 which has now been topped up to £100. This will, as explained before the holidays, be shared equally between Bumble Bees and East Anglian Children's Hospice (two excellent causes which will help transform the lives of children in Suffolk).

We will be holding some workshops for parents after half term (this half term is a very short one – only 5 weeks) with a view to helping support children's learning at home. Following a survey completed in October these will focus on Phonics and Mathematics. Dates are currently being confirmed and will be shared with parents shortly.

As the new term begins we are looking forward to working with our pupils and their families again. If you have any concerns please speak to myself, Mrs Hughes (Deputy Headteacher) or Mrs Evans (Assistant Headteacher) as we will be happy to help. We are also able, if helpful or necessary, to access support for families across a range of areas. If you think there is something for which you may need support please let us know and we will be happy to point you in the right direction.

Key dates:

Wednesday 17th January: Swimming Gala @ Leisure Centre (9.30am start)

Friday 2nd February: Google Internet Safety assembly

Friday 9th February: Last day of half term

Monday 11th – Friday 16th February: Half Term

Thursday 29th March: Last day of Spring Term

Monday 16th April: PD Day

Tuesday 17th April: Pupils back to school for the Summer Term

PROVISIONAL DATE: Tuesday 5th of June: Sports Day