

Rook's Nest Academy Newsletter

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Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to all our scholars, staff and parents. It is a very exciting time in the academy with lots of changes that have taken place over the holidays.

The academy has 7 new members of staff to welcome;

Mrs Nelson and Miss Gallagher in lower foundation, Mrs Smith in upper foundation, Mrs Dove in Year 3/4, Mrs McNally in Year 5, Mrs Sykes has taken over as the head of



kitchen and Ms Dawson is the new head of the academy.

Other changes to the academy have been to the reception area, library/computer suite and the installation of a new Year 6 annex. Work is still on going to the banking and paths around this area and we would ask for your support in avoiding the temptation to use it as a short cut when collecting children from pre-school.

Meet the Headteacher.

I am delighted to be the new Headteacher at Rook's Nest Academy. Before taking up the post here I worked as a Deputy and Acting Head at an academy in Barnsley. I am passionate about providing children with an education that ensures they expand their potential, develop high aspirations and become enthusiastic learners. I look forward to having the opportunity to meet you.

Kim Dawson



Dates for your diary this half term

- Tuesday 16th Sept 6pm Parents evening
- Friday 26th Sept Macmillan coffee morning
- Thursday 2nd October Harvest festival Thursday 23rd October Halloween disco
- Half term holiday 27/10/14 — 31/10/14

More information will be sent out closer to the dates.

All children, except those in Year 1 and Foundation, will be collected from the main playground by staff at 8:45. Classroom doors will remain open until 9:00 however, if your child arrives at school after this time they will need to use the academy reception in order to be added to registers.

Celebrations

We have decided this year to have celebration assemblies on Fridays. One child per class will be awarded a certificate for scholar of the week to recognise their efforts in an academic area. A text message will be sent out to the parents of children involved—inviting them to attend the assembly.

Today we have had our first Headteacher's tea party. Children were invited to have buns and juice with Ms Dawson as a reward for receiving the Headteacher's Award and meeting the weekly challenge.

Keep on Running!!!

We would like to wish Mr Hufton good luck as he will be participating in the Great North Run this weekend. He is raising money for the charity Meningitis Now. If any parents would be interested in supporting him please speak to Mr Hufton.



Food, Glorious Food

This year the government announced the introduction of free school meals for all Key Stage 1 children. We are pleased to say that the uptake for this has been fantastic. This has however caused us a few issues at lunchtime that we are working hard to improve. We hope parents will be patient about these changes and we will be publishing menus as soon as possible.

Other Information

A reminder about our medication policy. If your child has been prescribed medication by the GP we are happy to administer it if the appropriate paperwork has been completed. Children who have inhalers must remember to bring them into school. If anything over the holiday has changed regarding your child's medication please inform us

Use of Photographic Images

Just to remind all parents about the use of children's photographs on the academy website. As an academy we use the website to celebrate children's success and inform others about the work we undertake. If you do not wish for your child's image to be used please contact the office.

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring your child is wearing the agreed uniform—they all looked so smart on Tuesday morning. Can I just remind parents that the academy does not allow earrings, make-up, jewellery (other than watches) or extreme hairstyles.

Other Information

We will be sending out parent flyers next week to inform you of the curriculum your child will be covering this half term.