



News Update

Autumn Term 2 –Week 9

13th November 2020

Diary Dates

School Photographs	To be rearranged
Flu Vaccines	10th December
End of Term	18th December
Inset Day	4th January
Start of Spring term	5th January

Recognition Awards

Year R: Shiv P, Yusuf S, Aidan T, Anaya P, Cloe B, Lucas M.

Year 1: Henry D, Toby L, Thea B, Gabe J, Therani W.

Year 2: Theo B, Molly F, Uhu-ru O.

Principal's Post

Dear Parents and Carers,

This marks the end of another successful week at the academy. Each class has continued to produce some fantastic pieces of work and I have had the privilege of looking at more of the children's learning (virtually) that has reinforced how hard the children and staff are working.

Over next week, the academy will be launching a new look to our 'remote learning' offer. Remote learning is available for all children during the school day who are self-isolating or absent from the academy due to an authorised absence. The previous remote learning timetable will exist, but the staff have been working hard, with support from the University of Brighton Academies Trust, to make the learning more interactive, with teacher films and voice-overs to the set tasks. These changes are also designed to further assist parents if required to support with learning whilst at home. All tasks will be available via the academy's website and online platforms (like mymaths, Purple Mash and Bug Club) for the start of each week. Parents and carers may want to look at the remote learning opportunities even if your child is attending the academy to further your understanding of how to support your child's learning at home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their tireless efforts and dedication in ensuring that all our children have every opportunity to succeed in their learning whether attending the academy or while having to self-isolate.

Further updates about remote learning will be sent out next week.

Take care and stay safe,

Mr Jordan

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Diwali

Some of our Year 1 children have been learning about Diwali – the Indian festival of light – by decorating their own diya (oil lamp or candle dishes).



One of the most popular Hindu festivals it celebrates the victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. Celebrants prepare for the event by decorating their homes with lamps and candles, worship ceremonies and family feasts.



A Good Read

It is World Nursery Rhyme week next week from 16th-20th November. Why not set yourself a nursery rhyme challenge singing a different nursery rhyme together each day of the week. There are also lots of activities and videos that can be accessed on the World Nursery Rhyme website (<https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com>). What is your favourite nursery rhyme? Could you challenge yourself to create your own rhyme?



In assembly today we talked about the amazing work of the Children In Need Charity. Hot on the heels of Remembrance Dress Down Day and with strict social distancing regulations, we did not feel able to organise any academy activities this year, but acknowledged the day by talking about how this event helps support hundreds of projects every year working with children of all backgrounds. If your family would like to contribute to the appeal you can do so via: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



Next stop Saturn. . .



Did you know that Dion, one of Saturn's 150+ moons, spins the opposite way to all the others? Or that it's gas and dust rings span almost 185,000 miles?

These were just some of the fascinating facts our young explorers discovered on their trip round the galaxy this week.



All the year 1 classes took part in the virtual reality workshop run by Education

Group as part of their space project.



If anyone wishes to deliver any parcels to specific academy staff for the end of term we can provide a drop-off box in the playground during the week 7th to 11th December - to allow for an appropriate quarantine period. 📦

Community Box

Rhythm Masters On-line

Got a musical youngster who can't sit still? Check out these sessions run by local musician and PHIA father Ollie Heath. Classes run on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 4pm. It's £5 for a one off trial or £4 a week if they sign up for the entire course.

Have a look at the promo video and more information on the website: ollieheath.com/club

Lockdown Support

If you need support during lockdown You can contact WSCC Community Hub. The Hub provides practical support and information to anyone adversely affected by COVID-19, which could include the provision of food and essential household supplies. Contact is totally confidential and available seven days a week, between 8am and 8pm.

Find out more online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/covid19communityhub or call: 033 022 27980.

Free school meals can be applied for through: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>



To ensure the safety of our academy community to prevent the spread of COVID-



19, please remember these important messages. These apply when entering and leaving the site via footpaths and pavements as well as crossing the playground. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Please maintain your distance from other parents and families when waiting for the classroom doors to open.

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All parents and carers are ***strongly encouraged*** to wear masks or face coverings when entering the academy grounds during drop off and collection.

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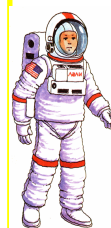
(Please note, we fully appreciate that there are members of our community who are unable to wear face coverings for medical reasons. Thank you for your understanding.)

Stay In Touch

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Please use these emails to contact teaching staff or report a change of adult collecting at the end of the day.

Please report absences to office@phiacademy.org.uk or leave a message on the absence telephone line.



Space Exploration Day—
Year 1 25th Nov

All our Year 1 children are invited to come in to class dressed as something connected with space. It could be a star-spangled T-shirt, a space suit or maybe a stripy Saturn costume—(just remember they still need to move around freely and

