



**KING'S PARK
ACADEMY**

High Expectations Lead to High Achievers

12 February 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are already half way through the academic year. The children have made so much progress since September and this is due to their hard work and determination to succeed as learners.

It is with sad regret that Mrs Kersey is leaving us. She will be deeply missed by all staff and children and we would like to thank her for all of her hard work and support and wish her every success for the future.

Miss Waring is getting married on 'Valentine's Day'. Congratulations to the happy couple and we look forward to welcoming Mrs Gittens back next term.

World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March it is 'World Book Day'. We would love to see the children dressed as their favourite book character on this day. It would be great for the children to know some information about their chosen character, e.g. which book they are from and who the author is. A variety of book activities will be taking place throughout the day.

Express Drop Box

To save parents time queuing for the receptionist during busy periods, we have installed an 'express drop box' in the foyer on the left hand side as you enter the school. Please use this post box to drop off any forms and money you would otherwise give to the receptionist eg, lunch money, forms for after school activities, reply slips etc. **Please ensure any money deposited is put into a sealed envelope, labelled with your child's name and class, the amount of money enclosed, and what the money is for.**

Attendance and Punctuality

There is a clear link between poor attendance/punctuality and lower academic achievement.

Since 1st September 2013, the law states that parents will not be entitled to take their child on holiday during term time. Therefore, our policy states that absence will not be authorised during term time, unless there are most exceptional circumstances.

All applications for an exceptional leave of absence during term time must be made in writing to the Associate Principal.

Any period of absence taken without permission will be classed as unauthorised and will result in further sanctions such as a Penalty Notice.

100% attendance	No Learning missed	Best chance of success
95% attendance	Over one week of learning missed	Well done?
90% attendance	Over three weeks of learning missed	Poor
85% attendance	Over five weeks of learning missed	attendance
80% attendance	Over seven weeks of learning missed	Very poor attendance

IF YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE BECOMES A SERIOUS CONCERN YOU COULD FACE A FINE AND/OR PROSECUTION.

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Please can you ensure that your child is dressed in the correct uniform as we need to ensure that the uniform policy is adhered to. We will lend children uniform if they come incorrectly dressed for school. If you need additional support with uniform, please see Mrs Heathman who will be happy to assist.

Uniform List:

- White shirt with collar (not polo shirts)
- Dark grey trousers or skirt (not dresses/pinafores)
- Navy blue jumpers with school logo are available from QDOS Uniform Supplies (order forms available from the school office or download Uniform order form 2015-2016).
- School tie
- Black sensible shoes (please note many designs of 'fashion' shoes are not suitable for school). **Boots are not permitted.**
- White socks or grey tights for girls
- Grey socks for boys
- Hair – no extremes of hairstyle please. The school will respect genuine cultural and religious needs.

For PE and Games your child will need a plain white T-shirt, navy shorts and a pair of plimsolls or lightweight trainers. A track suit is useful on cold winter days – preferably navy blue. Nail varnish is not part of the uniform so please can you ensure that this is removed before coming into school.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair. Due to your generosity, we were able to select over £270 worth of books for the academy.

Feeding Children Everywhere

I was overwhelmed with the response for volunteers last Saturday to help package food parcels. In only 2 hours, 25,000 packets were made. Thank you so much for your help in supporting the local community, it is very much appreciated by everybody that was involved. Each child will receive a packet of food, with a letter of information and look out for a story in the Bournemouth Echo.

Parking

Please can I remind parents/carers that drivers need to be careful and courteous when parking, as we have received some complaints regarding parking across driveways in the local area. I also ask that you do not park on the main road outside the entrance of the school as this blocks the crossing patrol's view of the road and is dangerous for the children crossing the road.

Best Wishes as always,

Lauren Dean

Associate Principal

Diary Dates

Monday 22nd February – Children return to school from 8.40am

Tuesday 23rd February – Families Evening - 4pm – 8pm

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day – Character dress up day

Friday 18th March – Sports Relief – Mufti (sportswear)

Thursday 24th March – End of Spring Term. School ends at 3.30pm

Monday 11 April – Inset Day

Tuesday 12th April – First day of Summer Term