

Music Primary Newsflash



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear families

I hope this fourth edition of our academy Newsflash finds you and your family safe and well. We are extremely proud of our students who have returned to the academy with energy and determination and worked hard in lessons since the start of the New Year.

This term we welcome several members of staff to the academy: Miss Wagner and Miss Nawaz are currently working alongside class teachers in Year 1 and Year 5 to complete their teacher training. Miss Smith, Miss Saleem, Mrs Zubair, Miss Aktar and Miss Mahmood have been appointed as support staff to provide additional capacity in the Phase One team. In addition, Miss Hussain has been appointed as our graduate co-teacher and is working alongside our Phase Two team.

We have received overwhelmingly positive feedback about our culture and high expectations from external head teachers and senior leaders taking part in the Exemplary Leaders Programme visit this term and are extremely proud of all our students and staff who continually demonstrate our academy values and learning habits.

Well done to all students who participated in the Cycle 2 Stretch Projects this year. Entries, in each round, were of an extremely high standard and this is not only down to the hard work put in by students within lessons but the continual support given at home from parents and carers demonstrating the strength of the Dixons three-way partnership. Judges found it extremely difficult to select the winners and all students should be proud of their work.

Thank you for all your support raising awareness on our 'Wear Denim for Dementia' day that took place earlier this term. We are proud to announce that the academy raised £250.33 for the charity. World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 3 March and our next charity event will be for Comic Relief on Wednesday 16 March. Further information will be communicated before the end of term.

Our staff and students are excited about the upcoming Year 5 residential on the 9 -11 February. Please be reminded that there is an expectation that all students take part in all residential (as outlined in the three-way home academy agreement) when accepting a place at the academy. Information about the Year 4 residential (Summer Term 2022) and Year 6 leavers' events are currently underway and will be communicated in due course.

An e-safety talk with a particular focus of staying safe online is being given to KS2 students by the academy's link police officer in the coming weeks.

Finally, thank you for your continued support and understanding in regards to the potential transfer to remote learning in the current climate. Staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that there has been minimal disruption for students. Links are updated on a weekly basis on the academy website via this link <https://www.dixonsmp.com/why/remote-learning>.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Miss Parry

Upcoming Events

Weds 9 - Fri 11 Feb: Y5 residential to Cliffe House	Thurs 3 Mar: World Book Day
Fri 11 Feb: Dixons Trust Conference (academy closed to all students)	11 Mar: Data and Planning day (academy closed to all students)
Fri 18 Feb: Last day of term 3	Fri 18 Mar: Comic Relief
Mon 28 February: Start of Term 4	



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MY CHILD AT SCHOOL APP

All parents and carers must download and have access to the MCAS application. Soon, we will be using this system exclusively to communicate and without this application you could miss out on vital information you need to support your child whilst they are at DMP. If you do not have this app please see <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>. If you require login credentials (Years 1-6 parents), please email admin@dixonsmp.com

ACADEMY UNIFORM

We currently have lots of children in school wearing shoes with laces but who are unable to fasten them independently. Please practise tying shoelaces with your child at home and support them with this key life skill. For safety reasons, we suggest that children in EYFS and Key Stage One wear shoes with Velcro or buckles. Please also be reminded that students should be wearing plain black jogging bottoms or leggings (no logos, stripes or prints), white T-shirt and black sweatshirt with the Dixons logo on PE days.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We are aware that the effects of the COVID-19 virus may have reduced some household's income and we are keen to work with our families to ensure they access any additional help available to them. Free school meals can save families over £200 per year per child and can lead to other benefits, for example an annual voucher to help towards the cost of school uniform. We are keen to ensure all our families are receiving the financial assistance. If you are eligible please complete this quick and easy application form by following this link: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/> or contact the office at admin@dixonsmp.com if you would like support in applying.

COMMUNICATING INFORMATION OR CONCERNS

The following system is in place to ensure that information and concerns are passed on to the correct members of staff so they can be dealt with swiftly and efficiently by the most suitable member of staff. The first point of contact should always be your child's class teacher. If the class teacher is unable to resolve the query or issue this would then be escalated to Miss Afshan (Phase One Lead) or Mrs Batool (Phase 2 Lead) who are both experienced leaders with an astute understanding of the needs of students and the curriculum, timetabling and staffing in their phases. They will refer matters to Mrs Payton (INCo), Mrs Littlewood (Behaviour and Attitudes) or Miss Parry (Acting Principal) where needed. Please follow this procedure so we can support you and your child in the best possible way.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

Due to Covid restrictions as well as being an allergen aware academy, we have taken the decision not to re-introduce students bringing wrapped sweets / chocolate into the academy. Students will be required to take these home with them if they bring them to school. Parents can however, choose to stand with their child as the class exits and offer the pre-wrapped treats so that there is parental choice as to whether a child accepts or not.

STAFFING UPDATES

Miss Iqbal has started her maternity leave and we would like to wish her all the best for the next 12 months.

ANIMALS ON PLAYGROUND

Please be mindful that we have students and staff who are extremely uncomfortable around and allergic to pets. We would appreciate it if pets were not brought onto the school site.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our academy target is 96% attendance and punctuality for all students. Whilst we understand under the current government advice there are times where this cannot be possible, please ensure that any appointments and holidays are booked outside of the academy day. Natalie Jones, our academy Attendance Officer, will be in touch with families to highlight any instances where attendance or punctuality has become a concern.

VALUABLE ITEMS/OBJECTS FROM HOME

There have been several instances where students have brought in items from home such as football/Pokémon cards, smartwatches, keyrings etc. and children have become upset if they have become lost or damaged during the school day. Please remind students that these items should not be brought onto school grounds.

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