

18 October 2021

Dear families

Parliament Week, 1 – 5 November 2021

We are pleased to inform you that this year the Academy will again be participating in Parliament Week, an annual festival that engages people from across the UK with their UK Parliament, explores what it means to them and empowers them to get involved. Parliament Week will take place from 1 – 5 November 2021. We will be building upon the success of our previous Parliament Week success, where we were awarded Gold UK Parliament School status.

As part of Parliament Week, the Academy will be delivering a range of exciting sessions for pupils, from Parliament-inspired PSHCE lessons, to classroom debates about issues which our pupils can relate to, all will the mission of developing our pupils into active citizens who care about others and their community. Additionally, the Academy has invited several visitors to speak to our pupils via virtual assemblies, including a local MP, a local Councillor and the Lord Mayor of Bradford. Through our participation in Parliament Week, our pupils will have the opportunity to learn more about the four 'British Values', which are 'democracy', 'the rule of law', 'individual liberty' and 'mutual respect'.

During Parliament Week, families are encouraged to discuss the news with pupils, in order to promote positive discussions about our local community and beyond. First News, a newspaper specifically written for children, is a great way for pupils to learn about current affairs; this is usually available in supermarkets and some newsagents. BBC Newsround is also a fantastic resource (www.bbc.co.uk/newsround).

In response to the UN Climate Change in Glasgow which will be running during Parliament Week, our focus in school will be on climate change. We will be raising awareness on being environmentally friendly and encouraging our pupils to look after their environment by picking up litter.

During Parliament Week, we will be holding a litter pick-up competition where we encourage you to post photos on Twitter or send in photos of pupils taking care of their local area by picking up litter. There will be prizes for the best litter picker in KS1 and KS2. We look forward to seeing your entries and hearing about the communal spirit that will be displayed by our pupils.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Mr O Stanier

Year 5 Class Teacher

