



A Message from Mrs Kee

In response to our learning in school last week about cleanliness, linked to our school value 'We care', one of the children in Year 1 asked her mum if she could pick up litter and make the paths cleaner. Thank you for demonstrating our value 'We care' in our community and for sharing this with us. Following on from last week's assembly about cleanliness and keeping our learning environment clean, this week's assembly was focused on hygiene. The children were able to talk about how they keep themselves clean by brushing their teeth, washing their hands and combing their hair. The children used glitter to demonstrate how germs can be spread and why it is important to wash our hands.

Some children in school have been having to isolate, but this has not stopped them continuing to be focused on their learning. Teachers have been preparing video lessons for them to access at home. Well done to all our remote learners and thank you to the teachers who have been making sure that they can continue to learn at home.

This week I have been visiting classrooms to watch our learners in action! In KS1, I have visited some phonics lessons, where the children were using their phonic knowledge to read, taking turns with their partner and answering questions about the books. They really demonstrated our school rule 'being determined to be the best learners we can be'. In Reception, I visited some maths lessons and was impressed with the children's sorting skills. They sorted by colour and by number. Our Reception children are so well rehearsed for the dinner time routine now too. They collect their plate, walk to their table and enjoy dinner time together with their friends.

I am looking forward to more adventures next week! Have a lovely weekend. See you next week, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole School (this week)	91.30%
Reception	94.19%
Year 1	84.54%
Year 2	94.69%



Congratulations to **Owls**

for being the class with the highest attendance this week! Well done on your fantastic attendance this week.

Make sure your child attends school every day so that they get the most from their education.



Merit Awards

Congratulations to our Merit Award winners this week.

These children have been awarded a Merit certificate this week for following our Golden Rules, showing our school values or demonstrating the star learner principles.

We are very proud of you!





Pupil Voice

This week, and last week, Mrs Kee has been talking to some children from each class about their experience of life in school, with a focus on well-being and behaviour. This helps us to understand what works well and what we might need to improve, from a pupil perspective. We wanted to share some of the children's comments with you.

Year 1

"I like going in the forest to do maths, we had to find the Stickman with clues."

"Teachers helping me makes me feel safe."

"When you hurt yourself, the teachers are there to look after you."

"When I am bigger, I am going to be a teacher and a nurse and a doctor!"

"Children are good because I see people doing nice things for the classroom."

"Yesterday I washed the pots and brushes."

"Children play nicely."

"If they do something naughty, I would tell the teacher and they would sort it out."

"I like going on the rainbow".

Talking about well-being Wednesday: "It helps you to keep yourself happy."

Year 2

"Music and singing at school make me feel happy."

"Singing is a very calm thing when you are feeling sad or happy when you dance to it."

"Children are kind."

"Sometimes children have to miss some golden time minutes if they are not following the rules."

"I like going to our assemblies."

"I feel safe because I can talk to the teachers."

They talked about telling someone that is upsetting them: "Please don't do that, I don't like it."

"We have a worry monster. You can write your worry and put it in his mouth."

"Sometimes, if children make wrong choices, they go on the raindrop or cloud and the teacher talks to them."

Reception

"I like playing outside."

"I like drawing"

"I like the cars."

"I like playing in the house being a cooker!"

"I painted a tree."

"I like the fish fingers."





Marvellous Me and Rewards

We now have 96% sign up to MarvellousMe! Thank you so much to all the parents that have signed up. We will be asking any parents who have not signed up to MarvellousMe, to download the app so that you can receive messages and notifications about your child's learning. If you need any help, please just ask at the office.

Over the last few weeks, we have begun to use MarvellousMe to share messages and rewards your child has achieved in school. You will receive notifications for badges and learning postcards. We also award 'Thumbs up' points, which the owners of MarvellousMe introduced after the term started. You don't receive notification of these. This weekend we will be resetting the counters for 'Thumbs up' following our trial run and Mrs Kee will talk to the children about how they can earn prizes linked to the number of 'Thumbs up' they earn in assembly. They can earn 'Thumbs up' points for following our Golden Rules, star learner qualities and demonstrating our school values. Mrs Kee will talk to the children about the types of prizes that they think would be suitable for each milestone. The MarvellousMe creator has told us there will also be a facility for team points coming soon – watch this space!



Homework

Homework books were sent out this week for KS1. We had planned to talk more about homework in our KS1 meeting so Mrs Williamson has produced guidance for parents so that the expectations are clearer, and she has included some other ideas for how you can support your child at home. They will be stuck into books next week. Please also click the link to visit our website page ['Supporting your child at home'](#) which has lots of information about well-being and subject specific information and weblinks. We also have a [Home reading page](#) and a [Parent guide to phonics](#).

Scooters and bikes

It is lovely to see pupils walking to school and also scooting and biking! Please can we remind everyone to walk and push any scooters or bikes whilst on school property. This is to ensure we keep everyone safe and prevent any accidents. If older siblings collect, please can you ensure that they are aware too. Thank you for your continued support.





A Message from Fierté Trust

As incidents of positive Covid cases emerge in our academies, we recognise the concerns that parents and carers have and wish to reassure you that we are working in line with the Schools COVID-19 Operational Guidance issued by the Department for Education in August. This marked a significant change to the measures that were in place previously and a move towards reducing the disruption to children's education.

Each Academy continues to have a Risk Assessment that is regularly reviewed and updated taking into account their circumstances and advice from the Staffordshire Local Outbreak Control Team. Each academy has an Outbreak Management Plan which details the actions taken should there be an increase in positive Covid-19 cases.

Schools are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing; this is undertaken by NHS Test and Trace. Our academies are not obliged to inform parents or carers when positive Covid cases arise within a class. Children who are identified as a close contact are expected to continue to attend school as normal. Only those with symptoms should not attend; a confirmatory PCR test should then be taken and the child self-isolate.

Additional actions are taken where the number of positive cases increases to five (or 10%, whichever threshold is reached first), within a ten-day period where there has been close contact between pupils or staff. Further advice is then taken from the Staffordshire Local Outbreak Control Team. This is the point at which the academy will inform parents and carers of an outbreak. Additional control measures, advised by the Staffordshire Local Outbreak Control Team and detailed in the Outbreak Management Plan, will then be implemented to break the chains of transmission.

Please be reassured that control measures including ensuring good hygiene for everyone, maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes, keeping occupied spaces well ventilated and following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19 are in place in each academy. Measures are stepped up in response to increased cases.

Please refer to your respective Academy website for details of the current Risk Assessment and Outbreak Management Plan. If you have any concerns, please contact the Headteacher or Head of School. Your patience and understanding at what remains a very difficult time for everyone where all wish to do their very best for the children who attend our academies, is greatly appreciated.

Fierté Multi-Academy Trust Executive Team





Dates for your diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2021-22

Autumn Term 2021

Inset day: Wednesday 1 September

Term Starts: Thursday 2 September

Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Term ends: Friday 17 December

Holiday: Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

Spring Term 2022

Inset day: Tuesday 4 January

Term Starts: Wednesday 5 January

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Term ends: Thursday 7 April

Inset day: Friday 8 April

Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

Summer Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25 April

May Day: Monday 2 May

Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Term ends: Wednesday 20 July

Holiday: Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September

Violet Way Inset Days

Wednesday 1st September

Friday 22nd October

Tuesday 4th January

Friday 8th April

Monday 6th June (School closed for Queen's Jubilee)

Monday 20th June

What's Coming Up?

Curriculum Morning (Reading focus) – Year 1 and Year 2 – Thursday 16th September



Parent and Toddler sessions begin on Tuesday 21st September (9:00am-10:30am)



Y1 Packington Farm trips -

Ladybirds – Monday 20th September

Busy Bees – Tuesday 21st September

Dragonflies – Thursday 23rd September



Tempest individual school photographs – Wednesday 13th October

Harvest Assemblies – YR, Y1, Y2 – Thursday 14th October (please send in non-perishable food donations for the food bank into school from Monday 11th October)

Anti-Bullying Week Theme: One Kind Word – week commencing Monday 15th November

Odd Socks day celebrating individuality and uniqueness – Monday 15th November

Speak Out Stay Safe (NSPCC) – YR, Y1, Y2 – week commencing 22nd November

Flu immunisations – Wednesday 1st December

Christmas Carol Concert at St Peter's Church – week commencing 13th December TBC

