

NEWSLETTER 14 DEC '20

Parent and SLT Coffee Mornings

We would like to start up our coffee mornings again and will be **trailing the use of zoom** to do these. The next virtual 'coffee morning' will be at **9.15 – 9.45am on Monday 11th January**. We will send the link to the meeting via ClassDojo so please look out for it in the new year. We hope to see lots of you there. The focus for the conversation will be our Academy Improvement Plan and the areas we are focussing on this academic year. If you think you will have any questions to ask, please try to send them in to us in advance so that we make time to answer them.



Academy Improvement Plan Focus Areas

Developing the CLF Curriculum across the academy
Supporting all pupils to make progress in their learning
High quality teaching and learning opportunities
Improving engagement and communication from all members of the Evergreen Community

Online Safety during the Winter Break

It's very important to keep your children safe on the internet. Mrs Barkham and Mrs Vincent will be sending out useful information and guidance for parents to support you in making sure your children are making sensible choices while playing games and socialising



Reading at Home

We know that developing strong reading skills and a love of reading is crucial to all of the children in our Evergreen Community. Strong reading skills enable children to succeed in all areas of the curriculum and give them the confidence to engage fully in their learning. To ensure that all children make good progress in reading, we have invested a large amount of money in building up our phonics and reading resources across the academy. We have a brand-new range of interesting and engaging phonically decodable books for Reception and Key Stage 1 children, which they take home to read every night. We have also invested heavily in both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 libraries. The children have a weekly library session and can choose from a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books. Please help your children to be successful readers by encouraging them to read at home EVERY NIGHT.



Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion Survey

Thank you to the 33 parents who completed the survey. The results were very positive and are listed below. Please do remember that your feedback is important to us. Do get in touch if there is anything you would like to talk to a member of the SLT about with regards to the promotion of cultural diversity within our Evergreen Community.

I feel that my child is reflected and valued in the school's culture = 88% agree

I feel my family is welcomed and cared for by the school = 94% agree

The school takes time to show an appreciation and celebration of a range of different cultures = 85% agree

The school tries to support my family to overcome any language barriers we face at school = 70% agree (21% answered 'not relevant' to them because they have no language barriers.)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS (academy target = 97%)

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about the importance of good attendance. It is crucial that your children attend school regularly. Our school teaches a progressive curriculum and this means that each lesson builds on the one before. If children miss learning for even one day, they have missed key information that will support them in the following lesson.

Punctuality and arriving on time

It is important that your child arrives at school on time. Every second counts and we have a full day of learning, EVERY DAY. If a child arrives late to school, they risk getting a 'U' code in the register. **This counts as an ABSENCE** and could mean they fall below the 97% target that we have in place.

- If your child's attendance falls **below 97%** (not including Covid isolation), **you will receive a text message** from school to let you know the number of days missed.
- If your child's attendance falls **below 95%** (not including Covid isolation), **you will receive a letter** from

School Matters!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Evergreen Academy Council

Parent Representative needed!

We really need a parent to join our Academy Council. If you have between 4 – 6 hours per month to spare to support our school improvement, please get in touch with Mrs Tolley for further information.

Upcoming Important Dates

Tuesday 15th December – Festive Lunch and Jumper Day
Tuesday 15th December – Reception and KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 16th December – Y6 Class Assembly
Thursday 17th December – Last day of school
Friday 18th December – INSET Day (no school for children)

Monday 4th January – INSET Day (no school for children)
Tuesday 5th January – First day of school