

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fantastic start to the school year we have had. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support with the journey of improvement at the school. I also wanted to take this opportunity to update you on school life to ensure that we are closing the gap on historic poor communication between the school and yourselves.

Term Dates

Please see reverse of this letter for the school's terms dates for the rest of the academic year.

Curriculum

This week saw the start of our new curriculum 'Mini Missions' at Sir Martin Frobisher. The children have responded really well to this exciting and engaging learning and were mightily impressed by their learning environments that match their missions. Do ensure to talk to your children about their daily learning – and for those parents in Y5/Y6, do make sure you ask to see Mr Girdlestone's magic tricks!

Parent Workshops

I am pleased to remind you that we will be inviting parents in half termly to celebrate learning with their child in their class. These sessions will take place half termly on different days / times of the school day to accommodate all parents / carers across the year. The first of these starts with Y1/Y2 on Thursday 27th September. Please see below.

- Reception Children Wednesday 3rd October - 9:00am – 10:30am
Monday 5th November - 1:30pm – 3:15pm
- Y1/Y2 Classes Thursday 27th September - 9:00am – 10:30am
Tuesday 13th November - 1:30pm – 3:15pm
- Y3/Y4 Classes Wednesday 10th October - 9:00am – 10:30am
Monday 19th November - 1:30pm – 3:15pm
- Y5/Y6 Classes Thursday 18th October - 9:00am – 10:30am
Tuesday 27th November - 1:30pm – 3:15pm

Parent Governors

We are in the process of establishing a Local Governing Body for the school and are in need of two Parent Governors. If you are interested in playing a pivotal role in the school improvement journey and have the capacity to attend regular meetings, please do write a short statement detailing your interest and why you think you are suitable for this position and hand it into the school office addressed to myself. **Please ensure to register your interest by Friday 28th September.**

If we have more than two parents interested in this role, there will be an election process to follow.

Behaviour

The new behaviour system has been received really well by children and plenty of parents too. It is a joy seeing children excited at the end of the day to inform you about reaching to the gold star and we applaud those children who have been following the AIM HIGH values already.

The new system has also ensured that a large majority of behaviour concerns are being eradicated. I know this was a large concern for parents and I am pleased to say we are making strong progress in this area.

Facebook

Our brand new Facebook page is now live. Please visit our new page by opening the Facebook app and typing into the search bar: Sir Martin Frobisher Academy.

In order to ensure communication continues to improve, please visit this page frequently for a taste of daily life at Sir Martin Frobisher and to keep up to date with any key messages.

I must take this opportunity to inform you that this page is used solely as a communication tool from the school to yourselves and no slanderous or negative comments will be tolerated. If for any reason, this is not adhered to, we will have to revisit our communication strategy and remove the page.

Lunchtimes

We are aware that behaviour at lunchtime needs to be further improved. In order to tackle this, we will be starting a new lunchtime structure as of Monday. There will now be two lunch time sittings and all children will have 30 minutes play outside in zoned areas and 30 minutes inside to enjoy their lunch (whether hot dinners or school dinner). Children will be sat with the same children across the year in a 'Sir Martin Frobisher Family Group'. The lunch tables will be of mixed ages which will ensure our children mix from across the school. There will be rewards for the table that shows the best family values and manners. It will take a little time for the children to respond to this and I ask that you give the new structure a few weeks before raising any concerns around who your child is sitting with. There will be no changes made to begin with, until the children have settled. This of course means that any incidents that have historically happened outside will not be happening as there are many less children outside across the lunch hour.

Again, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all next week,

Best wishes,

Mrs S. Barton