



# LANGSTONE ACADEMIES

12<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide my first update for 2024! I hope that you have all settled into the new year well and it has been wonderful to listen to the children share their resolutions for this year. I would remind you all that Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January is an Inset Day.

### Attendance

I am sure that you have seen a lot of discussion in the news of children’s attendance in school dropping since the pandemic. We are fortunate that so many of you make a huge effort to ensure that children attend school every day. As part of the University of Chichester Academy Trust, we will be releasing a new attendance policy soon that gives very clear outlines of our expectations regarding attendance. I wanted to share that we are looking for new ways to share your child’s attendance data with you so that you can monitor the potential impact of days off. Whilst we know that days off due to illness are unavoidable, they can impact on your child’s learning and we want to work with you to address these concerns and ensure that your child is not faced with an uphill struggle in their learning.

Learning is mapped in a sequence where each day creates the next step and for every day a child misses, they are faced with the challenge of catching up before a gap in learning appears. It is for this reason that we urge you not to book or plan holidays in term time as the return to school can be a daunting one for children who now have gaps. I can confirm that no holidays during term time will be authorised and I hope you can understand why. I will look to release all Inset dates before the end of this term for next year so that you can benefit from them and take your holidays to include them.

### Roads reminder

I would like to again say thank you to all of those parents who are supporting us with our overly busy roads at the start and end of the day. I again urge you to avoid the roads directly outside of our entrances to ensure the safety of all of your children.

## Events Calendar for this term

<u>Infant</u>		<u>Junior</u>	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET
		Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	U11 Football Cup
		WB 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	KS2 Parents Evening
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mental Health Support Team Parent Workshop @ Juniors	Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mental Health Support Team Parent Workshop @ Juniors
		18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 3 Stubbington visit
WB 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year R Parent’s Evening	29 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Mosque visit
		1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Residential
<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>			

22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Year R Drama Workshop on Gingerbread Man		
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Neuro Diversity Team Coffee Morning	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Neuro Diversity Team Coffee Morning
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 2 Infant Voices	WB 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 5 Sea City Trip
6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 2 Trip to Fort Nelson	WB 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Science/ STEM Week
		Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	U10 Girls Football Festival
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> & Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Wonderful Wild West Drama Workshop	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 6 Trip to Church
<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>			

Please note that these dates may change although we do try not to once we have shared. For more events coming up for your child, do look at the school website or look out for parentmail letting you know.

I would just like to finish by thanking you again for your ongoing support. Please know my door is always open.

Look after yourselves and please know we are here for your child and family.



Mrs J Bush  
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