

Aqueduct Primary School September 2018



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Welcome back

What a wonderful start to the new term. It has been great to see so many happy, fresh faces since returning. We are proud that our pupils have returned with such a positive attitude to learning.

We have invited parents to join us in celebrating awarding pupils with Class Dojo points for following our values. We are so glad that so many of you have joined the Class Dojo community. If you have not had chance to yet, we would recommend it. If you need a unique parent code then please let your child's class teacher know.



Admissions

It's that time of year when parents begin thinking about applying for places at secondary school and in Reception for their children. We have updated our admissions page on the school website to help you to navigate your way round this sometimes confusing process.

The main things to be aware of are the deadlines.

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place is **31st October 2018**. We are happy to help any parents who might need support with the application process. Please speak to Mrs Lockley, Mrs Harper or Miss Mason. Secondary schools are already hosting open evenings this term. We would highly recommend taking your child to visit as many of the local secondary schools as possible before making a decision.

Abraham Darby open evening - Wednesday 25th September - 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Telford Langley Open evening - Thursday 11th October - 6:30pm-9:00pm

Madeley Academy host an annual open day - Monday 8th October with presentations from Lady Maria Satchwell at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm. The year 6 pupils will also be visiting these schools in the day with their teacher.

Reception places - If you know of anyone looking for a reception place for September 2019 please advise them to contact the school office for a date to visit. We will also be hosting an open morning on **Friday 11th October between 9:30am and 11am**.

FOAPS

(Dates overleaf)

On Wednesday 19th we held our first meeting and discussed some exciting events for your children. Thank you to the eight parents who were able to make the meeting. We hold our meetings at 6pm to suit any working parents who would like to attend and either volunteer their services, suggest some exciting events or just to come and listen to what is planned. We would be extremely pleased if more of you could join us at our next meeting, which is planned for **Wednesday 10th October @6pm**. We planned a Halloween Disco and Christmas Fair. The friends have sent out information about the new Christmas cards, magnets, wrapping paper, coasters and postcards which you can now order, personalised by your little loved ones last week. The deadline for these to be returned is the 12th October.

As the Friends are planning for the Christmas Fair, they would like to ask for any donations of clean jam jars of all sizes. Please either give to one of the Friends or drop off at the office. News about events and meetings are posted in the Friends dedicated notice board outside the main office and on their Facebook page. Just search for 'Friends of Aqueduct Primary'.



Online Safety

We have had some advice from the NSPCC regarding a Whatsapp 'Momo' challenge. This game is extremely dangerous and has caused two deaths so far. It encourages users to hurt themselves and in these two cases commit suicide at the end. Once again can we please urge parents to monitor what your children are accessing online and always check the suitability of anything they use as some may look harmless on face value. Safety is very important to us.

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Attendance

So far this term the best class attendance has been as below.

Week 1 (4.9.18 - 7.9.18) - 100% (Mrs Duppa, Mr Palin & Miss Cadwallader)

Week 2 (10.9.18 - 14.9.18) - 100% (Miss Harrow)

Week 3 (17.9.18 - 21.9.18) - 100% (Miss Harrow)

Our whole school attendance target continues to be **96%**. Holidays in term time continue to be advised against as these have a negative impact not only on our whole school attendance but also on the pupils who miss the education, which takes place whilst they are gone.

Should you wish to discuss an exceptional circumstance for any absence then please arrange to speak with Mrs Lockley. May we also remind you of the importance to call and inform us of your child's absence before 9:30am at the latest.



Governor Head Shave

One of our Governors is bravely shaving her head for charity. On 29th September Bobby Davro himself will shave Mrs Cassidy's head in aid of 'Balls to Cancer' 'Rainbow Child Foundation' and the 'James Bulger Memorial Trust'.

Should you wish to make a contribution or take a closer look at the other celebrities who will be attending, then visit her just giving page.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jac-cassidy?utm_source=Facebook

Dates for your diary

For school holidays please go to

http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/1016/schools_and_learning/6/school_term_dates/2

Each monthly newsletter also contains up and coming events such as class assemblies and school trips.

Date & time	Year Group	Event
Wednesday 26th September	Y6	Visit Telford Langley
Monday 1st - Friday 5th October	Y6	Arthog
Tuesday 2nd October	Reception	RWI parents meeting after school.
Friday 5th October	All	Grandparents afternoon
Monday 8th October	Y6	Visit Madeley Academy
Tuesday 9th October	All	Harvest @ Church
Thursday 11th October	All	Individual Photos
Friday 12th October	Reception	Reception (September 2019 intake) open morning
Friday 12th October	All	Deadline for returning Christmas designs and order forms.
Tuesday 16th October	Y5 & 6	Trip to Techniquet
Thursday 18th October	All	Halloween Disco (4:30pm - R/KS1, 6pm - KS2)
Friday 26th October	All	PD Day
Monday 5th November	All	Parental Consultations (Evening)
Tuesday 6th November	R, Y1, Y2	Parental consultations (Day pm)
Wednesday 7th November	Y3/4	Parental consultations (Day pm)
Thursday 8th November	Y5/6	Parental consultations (Day pm)
Wednesday 28th November	Y6	Pantomime @ Dawley Christian Centre
Thursday 29th November	Rec - Y5	Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 4th December	Reception	Christmas Production (pm)
Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th December	KS1	Christmas Production (pm)
Friday 7th December	All	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th December	KS2	Christmas Production (pm)
Friday 14th December	All	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 22nd January 2019	Y1	RWI parents meeting after school.
Wednesday 23rd January	School choir	Young Voices
Throughout May	Y2	SATs 2019
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May	Y6	SATs KS2 2019
Monday 10th - Friday 14th June	Y1	Phonic Screening
Thursday 4th July	All	Sports Day (KS1 am - KS2 pm)

If you haven't already, remember to sign up to our twitter account and keep up to date with any developments and messages. Follow us at [@AqueductPrimary](https://twitter.com/AqueductPrimary)

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