



# Newsletter

February/March  
2024

## Reach2 Academy Consultations

Thank you to those of you who either attended the consultation event, emailed your questions or asked one of the senior leadership team questions about the conversion. The main theme from this was around the uniform and name of the school. I confirmed that the name of the school won't change and that we will become Aqueduct Primary Academy. The projected conversion date is the 1st April and lots has been happening in the background to finalise legal arrangements and begin to future plan which is very exciting.

When we return to school on the 8th April we will officially be 'Aqueduct Primary Academy'.

## Attendance

As always our attendance is a focus and we have made the updated policy available for you on our website. [attendance-punctuality-policy-2023-2024.pdf](https://aqueductprimary.co.uk/attendance-punctuality-policy-2023-2024.pdf) ([aqueductprimary.co.uk](https://aqueductprimary.co.uk)) We have also created an easily accessible 'Attendance Leaflet' which can be found in the 'Parents & Carers' section of the website.

We continue to track the number of pupils who have lower attendance and these are conversations that your child's class teacher will be having with you again at parental consultations.

Last term we had 52 children who are currently on 100% for the year so far. The class with the best attendance across the term was 4JC And they have received a voucher for £20 to spend on whatever they like as a class.

Our aspirational attendance target remains at 96% with children very keen to be the best class each week. (National attendance sits at around 94%)

Week 1 (8.1.24 - 12.1.24) - Class 4JC with 99.62%  
Week 2 (15.1.24 - 19.1.24) - Class 4JC with 96.06%  
Week 3 (22.1.24 - 26.1.24) - Class 4JC with 98.85%  
Week 4 (29.1.24 - 2.2.24) - Class 4JC with 98.08%  
Week 5 (5.2.24 - 9.2.24) - Class 4JC with 97.69%  
Week 6 (19.2.24 - 23.2.24) - Class 3MP with 100%  
Week 7 (26.2.24 - 1.3.24) - Class 4JC with 99.23%  
Week 8 (4.3.24 - 8.3.24) - Class 3MP with 99.23%  
Week 9 (11.3.24 - 15.3.24) - Class 3MP with 98.56%





## Celebrations

This term we were awarded the Bronze level for being a Trauma Informed and Attachment Aware School. Our wellbeing committee and staff worked hard to evidence what we do in school to understand and meet the needs of



A mental health festival by



pupils who may have suffered an early trauma or who may need support with attachment. We have been given the criteria for Silver and this is what we are striving to achieve next.

## Mental Health Festival

Our Mental Health Week was a great success. The theme was my voice matters and you were given the opportunity to contribute a voluntary donation for Now and Beyond who work to provide mental health support to children in the UK. Thank you to those of you who contributed, we sent off an amazing £141.

Thank you for the fantastic efforts that went into dressing in yellow, pink and black which are the Now and Beyond Colours. You all looked great and were very dedicated to the cause.

Sometimes children find it tricky to express their thoughts, feelings and needs and struggle to find the right words or phrases. - when we are able to do this, it can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

Please feel free to access the following websites for additional support with mental health:

Barnardos - <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/support-for-parents-and-carers/mental-health>

NHS - <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>



Trauma Informed Attachment Aware School (TIAAS) Programme

## Certificate OF EMERGING FOR BRONZE



This certificate is presented to:

Aqueduct Primary School

Valid date: January 2024

Signed: Michelle Salter  
Virtual School Head Teacher

Signed: Andrew Wright  
ARC Chair





# WORLD BOOK DAY



What a fun day we had celebrating World Book Day! We were astonished by the amazing range of costumes worn by the children and staff! Well done to those who were chosen by the School Council, to win the 'best dressed' prizes! Everyone at Aqueduct Primary would like to say a huge thank you for your support with the celebrations.





## Uniform

We have noticed that there is an increasing number of children who have returned to school after the Christmas holiday wearing incorrect uniform. The teachers regularly remind children and yourselves about the correct uniform so we thought another reminder would be beneficial.

- \* Only logo jumpers and cardigans should be worn. A plain red jumper or a jumper of any other colour is not in our policy and therefore not part of our agreed uniform.
- \* Shoes should be worn on non PE days - Black Trainers are not classed as shoes.
- \* PE kit comprises of a plain red T-Shirt with blue or black plain jogging bottoms or shorts. Jogging bottoms with patterns and writing on are not part of our uniform.
- \* Trainers must be worn on PE days. We advise that another pair of footwear is also brought to school so that if their trainers get wet or muddy, they have a change of footwear and don't have to tread mud in the classroom or just wear their socks.
- \* The sports logo t-shirt and zip training top can be worn on PE days but these remain optional in addition to the required PE kit mentioned above.
- \* As the weather begins to get warmer, red gingham or black school dresses can be worn with black or red tights. Please note grey is not part of the agreed uniform.
- \* Only stud ear-rings should be worn and these are removed or covered up on PE days for safety. No rings or necklaces should be worn.
- \* We are aware (and thank you to those parents who have communicated with us) that some girls wear black leggings. These are considered suitable as long as they are black, good quality material and not see through and that they are coupled with the white top and logo jumper or cardigan and shoes. We recognise that these are more comfortable and as long as they are smart are considered a suitable alternative to trousers.



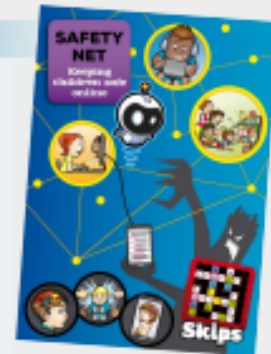
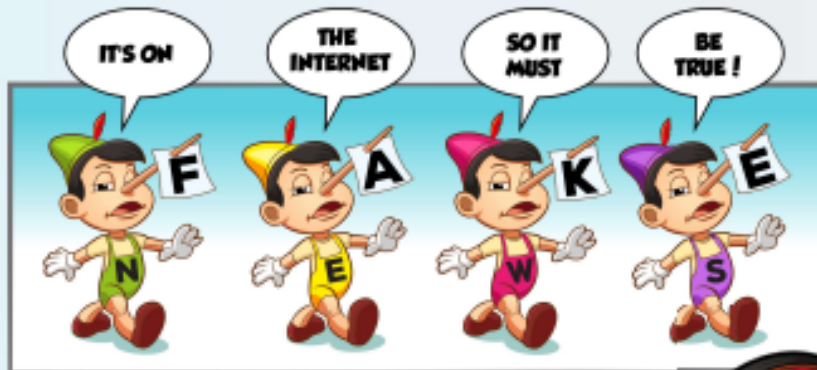
We as a school have always tried to support parents to access our uniform. At the beginning of each academic year we hold a swap shop so that parents can access good quality second hand uniform. These are always checked and washed by us and it is difficult to notice that they are second hand.

We thank the parents who have approached us with questions or requests for support to access uniform and have provided many of our families access to jumpers, cardigans, PE kit and shoes.

Please come and talk to us if you require any support to follow our uniform policy. We are here to help.

A copy of our policy is available on our website.  
[uniform-policy-sept-2023.pdf \(aqueductprimary.co.uk\)](https://www.aqueductprimary.co.uk/uniform-policy-sept-2023.pdf)

## A Parent's Guide to Fake News



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



**Don't believe everything you see online!**

Young people can very easily be dragged into things without parental guidance and support.

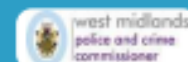
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### A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



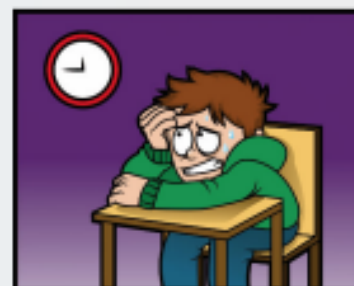
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**Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.**

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



**It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.**



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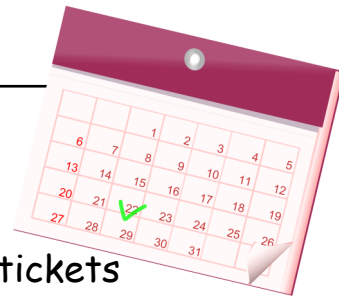


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Primary School**

*Building tomorrow,  
leading the way.*



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- Monday 18th March** - Last day to purchase Easter Bingo tickets  
**Wednesday 20th March** - Easter Bingo for those who have purchased tickets  
**Thursday 21st March** - Submit decorated Easter eggs.  
**Friday 22nd March** - Easter Egg Competition Prize Giving  
**Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April** - EASTER HOLIDAYS  
**Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th March** - Easter School for Year 6 Pupils  
**Monday 1st April** - Official Conversion Date (Aqueduct Primary Academy opens)  
**Monday 8th April** - Children return to school  
**Tuesday 16th April** - Year 3 and 4 Swimming lessons begin  
**Thursday 18th April** - Year 3 and Year 4 visit to Shropshire Hills  
**Tuesday 23rd April** - Parent Partnership Meeting  
**Monday 6th May** - Bank Holiday  
**Tuesday 7th May** - Professional Development Day (School Closed)  
**Monday 13th May - Friday 17th May** - SATS WEEK  
**Monday 13th May - Friday 17th May** - Mental Health Awareness Week  
**Monday 27th - Friday 31st May** - HALF TERM  
**Tuesday 4th June** - Year 5 and 6 Swimming lessons begin

A full copy of our term and holiday dates is available on our school website.

[aqueductprimary.co.uk/our-school/term-holiday-dates/](http://aqueductprimary.co.uk/our-school/term-holiday-dates/)

## Parent Partnership

Thank you to the parents that attended the drop in session. As always it was lovely to see you. At the meeting we talked about the following:

- Keeping children safe
- Friendships and fallouts
- Family conflict
- Attendance guidance
- Routines and sleep
- Wellbeing and mental health
- Signposting

Please put the next date in your diary

**Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 2:45 pm.**

We will be talking about supporting your child for the end of the school year and moving into a different class, amongst other items.

Coffee and biscuits included. We hope to see you!