



Friday 1st October 2021

A **Beyond** ACADEMY
SCHOOLS TRUST

Important Dates:



Open days for parents of Year 2 pupils:

Tuesday 5th October
9:30am
Thursday 7th October
2pm

Year 4 trip to Fen Bell Zoo:

Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th October

Parents' evenings:

Tuesday 12th October
Thursday 14th October
3:40pm—6pm

Last day of term 1:

Friday 15th October

Deadline for secondary school applications:

Sunday 31st October

First day of Term 2:

Monday 1st November

Flu vaccinations:

Friday 5th November

Trust staff development day—school closed to pupils:

Friday 26th November



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Safeguarding Team

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and expect all members of the school community to share this commitment. The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Mayston and Mr Kirk, Mrs Dennis, Mrs Denny and Mr Tutt are Deputy DSLs. The children are regularly reminded about who they can speak to in school if they are worried about anything or need help or advice, including their teacher, teaching assistants and Midday Supervisors. The email addresses of the Safeguarding team are available on the school website, or you can call the school office and speak to one of them to confidentially report a concern.

Homework

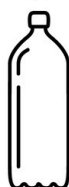
We have reviewed and updated our homework system for the start of this year and sent a summary of arrangements out by ParentPay. There will be two elements of compulsory homework—reading at home each night for at least 20 minutes and playing Times Tables Rockstars. This is to ensure a focus on the priority skills that need to be developed in order for pupils to achieve well in many curriculum areas. There are also lots of optional homework options for families who would like to complete more learning at home.



Year 6 admissions applications deadline

Applications for admission to secondary school places in September 2022 are open and can be accessed [here](#). The deadline for applications is 5pm on Sunday 31 October 2021. If you need support with making the application, please let us know and we will be happy to help.

Collecting bottles for the zoo



Fen Bell Zoo will be working on a project very soon where they want to build a green house to grow food for the animals out of recycled materials. They are collecting large plastic bottles, ideally the 2l bottles that you typically get fizzy drinks in. They can be coloured (e.g. green 7up bottles), but they can't use opaque ones as they need to let light into our greenhouse. If you have any bottles at home, please send them into school and we will pass them on to the zoo.

Toys and valuables in school

Please ensure toys, trading cards or any valuables are not brought into school at any time, including fidget toys (unless agreed by Mrs Dennis) This is to prevent disappointment or arguments if the belongings from home are lost or broken.

Achievement Award



Well done to the following pupils for receiving this week's Achievement Award!



3L— Jacob	3M— Victor	3P— Lottie	3H— Elsie-May
4H— Alexandru	4O'K— Selma	4T— Indie	4B— Lily
5C— Elias	5H— Thalya	5K— Paul	5R - Alice
6K— Anisa	6L— William	6Ma— Rayan	