

INSPIRATIONAL LEARNING ACADEMIES TRUST



SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year and welcome to lots of children and staff new to the trust. This first newsletter of the year is packed with useful information and we look forward once again to working with you and your child.

Please look out for your child's new diary and the educational visits brochure. Your child will bring them home with them. The school prospectus will be emailed to you shortly.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Helen Stocking
Chief Executive Officer

Miss Suzanne Rawlings
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Miss Kelly Sherrell
Assistant Chief Executive Officer



KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH PARENTS and UPDATING YOUR CHILD'S PREFERENCE SHEET

Using emails and texts to keep in touch with parents/carers is now our main method of communication. If you have recently changed your email address and or telephone number please let the school office know as soon as possible so that you never miss out on our communication.

Please also look out for a new preference sheet for your child which must be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. This sheet is very important as it will help us to keep your child safe and help you to provide any information we need about your child whilst they are in our care.

NEW LEADERSHIP POSITIONS ACROSS THE TRUST

This term we shall be welcoming Ms Kate Adams to Norton Le Moors as Head of School. Kate has worked at all 3 schools and is a very experienced Senior member of the team. I am sure Norton will give her a very warm welcome back.

Miss Emma Meakin will transfer from Head of School at Norton to Head of School at Newstead. Emma commenced her career with the trust at Newstead several years ago now and is looking forward to returning as the Head of School. Mr Jack Kinsey will support Emma as the Senior Assistant Head Teacher.

And finally, Miss Emma Lakin at Whitfield Valley becomes an Assistant Head Teacher and will lead on early reading throughout the school. She has recently had a phonics wordless book published by "All Aboard" and so hopefully some of our Nursery children will be able to see this book very soon.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs start week commencing Monday 25th September 2023– a timetable of clubs taking place can be found in the notice boards around school. Your new brochure to showcase all the exciting extra-curricular activities your child can participate in will be sent home with your child on **Wednesday 6th September 2023**. There are more clubs on offer than ever before which are sure to be popular; please note that if your child misses three sessions, they will be asked to leave the club and their place given to someone on the waiting list. Inside each brochure is a timetable together with a club request form. Please return your club requests by **Monday 11th September 2023**. You will receive your child's club timetable on **Thursday 14th September 2023**. Please ensure that you are prompt when collecting your child from their club. Please collect from your normal end of day pick up point.

NEW HOMEWORK POLICY

There has been much debate about the purpose and indeed need for homework. The trust has decided NOT to continue with homework as we believe that children work hard during the school day and need time to relax and play.

Reading with your child should be a happy experience and we would welcome your support in as much reading as you can manage with your child.

We shall also continue to send weekly spellings as well as the multiplication tables to learn but NO class will send homework.

Some class teachers will send a creative project home at the beginning or end of a half term depending on what the next topic/programme of study is but this may not be every half term and is also not compulsory as some children may wish not to engage in creative projects and some will.

POLITE REMINDER

Zero Tolerance Policy in line with other government led services; we shall not tolerate being verbally abused or shouted at. Please refrain from doing this if you are on site or you will be asked to leave the premises. If it is a telephone call we shall end the call with immediate effect.

Recurrent offenders will be reported to the trust board and it may result in not being allowed onto the school premises,

AND FINALLY..... Come and Meet Your Child's New Teacher

On Monday 11th September 2023 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm (at Newstead and Whitfield) or 3.15pm to 4.15pm (at Norton), our doors will be open for you to wander around and pop in and see your child's new