



Coupals Primary Academy

Parent Bulletin No.14

Friday 15th December

Dear parents and carers,

What a busy week it has been here at Coupals this week!

It has been wonderful to see all of the Christmas events coming together well this week. Reception and Year 1 gave two fantastic performances of their play 'Shine Star Shine.' Year 2 did a fantastic Christmas assembly (which interestingly included Samuel Pepys and the Stone Giant) as did Year 3 and 4. It was great to see the fantastic singing and effort put in to the plays and assemblies by all of the pupils and their teachers.

In addition to the fantastic assemblies and plays there has also been some excellent learning taking place throughout the school. Year 4 have been doing particularly well with their Reciprocal Reading sessions and, as I visited earlier in the week with a guest, we saw some excellent work on clarifying taking place.

Year 3 have created some fantastic work based on a book called the Night Sky Dragon. The work created is going to be used in an upcoming book to support teachers which is very exciting indeed!

There has been some lovely learning taking place in Year 1 this week and I have been particularly impressed with the story writing that children have created. It is great to see the children applying their phonics so confidently with some very interesting vocabulary to create some lovely texts.

I have also, as I have visited Reception, been very impressed with the phonics learning of our youngest pupils. It is amazing to think that the children arrived in September without knowing any of their sounds and can now read, write and spell. It's inspiring to see!

Don't forget that you can keep up with everything going on through the following:

Website: www.coupalsacademy.co.uk

Twitter: @CoupalsAcademy

Facebook: www.facebook.com/coupalsacademy

David Maguire
Headteacher

Information for parents:

We are sad to announce that Mrs Pickering and Mrs Iron will both be leaving us at the end of this term. Also, Linda Westlake one of our cleaning staff will be leaving too. We will miss them and are incredibly grateful for the many things that they have done for the school over the years they have worked with us. Everyone at Coupals would like to wish them both the best of luck for the future.

A letter was sent to parents earlier in the week regarding the consultation around term dates. The letter explained that the decision has been made not to change the term dates to include a two week October half term next year. Thank you to everyone who shared their views during the consultation period.

Thank you to parents who suggested charities for the staff busking on the last day of term. We have decided to split the money raised between the Bumblebee Children's Charity and the East Anglian Children's Hospice. If you would like to find out more about these charities you can do so here:

<http://bumblebeechildren.org.uk>

<https://www.each.org.uk>

Key dates:

Monday 18th December: Achievement Assembly (invitations have been sent)

Monday 18th December: Year 5 and 6 Christmas Assembly @2.30pm

Tuesday 19th December: Christmas Carol Service @10.00am (at the Old Independent Church) parents and families welcome

Tuesday 19th December: Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20th December: Achievement Assembly (invitations have been sent)

Wednesday 20th December: Last day of Autumn Term

Thursday 4th January 2018: PD Day

Friday 5th January 2018: PD Day

Monday 8th January 2018: Children return to school