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### Head of School Welcome - Mrs Golding



Welcome back to all our students, parents, and staff as we embark on the second half of the Spring term at St. Botolph's CE Academy. We are all ready for an exciting and productive term ahead. This term, we extend a warm welcome to Miss Dias, who joins us as the new teacher for Gorillas class. (Y2). Miss Dias brings with her a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, and we are thrilled to have her as part of our dedicated team. We also have two new members of lunch time staff—Mrs Causier and Mrs Crumpton. As the days grow longer and the weather becomes milder, we look forward the term ahead. We have lots of exciting things planned this term, from class trips, to the building of our new reading summer house.

### School Uniform

All children are expected to wear academy uniform at all times, which consists of: jade green jumper or cardigan (with or without logo), grey or black skirt, pinafore or trousers (not a fashion trouser, leggings or tracksuit), white or jade green polo shirt or plain white blouse, white, black or grey socks or tights and sensible black shoes (no trainers with logos/colours please). Also no extreme hairstyles or colours please. If anyone is struggling with the cost of uniforms, then please contact us.



### Attendance: our school target is 97%

In line with our Trust policy, we will be doing home visits for all children on day 3 of their absence. We are also unable to authorise holidays in term time. This term we will be running some exciting attendance competitions for children that have 100% attendance and the class with the most improved.

### School times

School starts at **8:45am (R-Y6)** and finishes at **3:15pm**. We appreciate your support in ensuring that children arrive at school on time as we start our learning straight away.

### Diary Dates for this term

- 27th February - Class Penguins Pizza Express trip
- 7th March—World Book Day
- 14th March—Easter Egg Decorating Competition ( final day for bringing in eggs)
- 15th March—Red Nose Day . Children can wear something red with their uniforms in return for a donation.
- 19th March—Parents evening 3:30 –5:30
- 20th March—Parents evening 5:00—7:00
- 21st March— Easter church service at St. Botolph's Church.
- 22nd March— Coffee morning (Y1/2 to perform)
- 22nd March—Break up for Easter
- 8th April—Return to school after Easter
- 25th April— individual school photos
- 13th May—16th May—Y6 SATS week
- 17th June—Class photos

### Easter Attendance Competition

Next term, our school will be taking part in our Trust Easter Eggcellent Attendance Competition! The class with the most improved attendance will win an Easter egg each and if our school has the most improved attendance across the Trust we will all win a Cadbury's Crème egg. There will also be two children selected from each class that have 100% attendance this half term. Their names will be put into the draw for an Easter egg.



### Easter Egg Decorating Competition

This year we will be holding a whole school Easter DT Competition. All pupils from Nursery to Year 6 can enter. We have decided to hold a design your own egg competition. To enter, pupils can create their own egg with any theme. This can be an egg as a character/multiple characters, patterned/colourful design, made into a scene with a shoe box etc. All designs welcome, so get creative! There will be one winner from each year group and the prize will be Easter Egg. Pupils are welcome to bring their eggs into school from Tuesday 12th March with the closing date on Thursday 14th March to be judged by our School Leadership Team on **Friday 15th March**. Please ensure sure that all eggs used are hard boiled.

### New Reading Summer House

Our reading summer house will be installed during this half-term. We can't wait to share it with you. We are also creating a Reading Garden too, with a fabulous reading chair.

### Enrichment activities

#### Vision Launch Day

Thank you to all our parents and carers that attended our Vision Launch Day last term. Our school vision is "Find your fantastic" and we encourage all pupils and staff to be the best that they can be by finding their fantastic!



#### Rivers Readers

Our Junior Leadership Team enjoyed spending the afternoon at the Rivers the other week. They shared some of their favourite stories with the residents.

We love reading. Here are some of the books we are enjoying this term from EYFS to Year 6.

