



We want to keep you up to date with all of the latest information from Discovery Special Academy so we will distribute a newsletter every half term. Any queries regarding any of the items on the newsletter then please contact the Academy office on 01642 248333.

## **Attendance**

Our academy attendance is currently...

**94%**

Although this has dropped slightly, we are aware this is due to the bugs that have been in the local area.

We are sure this will increase again over the spring term.

Please can we remind you that you must phone the academy to inform the office if your child will not be attending. We will not accept messages from the bus escorts.

Thank you for your support.

## **Christmas Celebrations**

The children in Hanna, Sarah and Michelle's classes put on a fabulous Christmas performance this year. We cannot wait to see what they do in the summer!

We hope parents in Becky and Chris' classes enjoyed their Christmas craft stay and share sessions too.



We will be running a reading stay and share in the spring and hope to have an Easter craft stay and share session before the end of term.

## **Staffing**

**We are saying goodbye to Sarah and Helen this term. Sarah has been asked to support children in one of our sister academies and will begin this post in January. Sheila will teach the class and will continue to be supported by Zahida.**

**Helen has supported Discovery this term while we wait for our new Deputy Head Teacher, Ann Titchener, to start. Helen will continue to support us over the term and as part of her role within the trust.**

## **Boccia Event**

**Michelle's class took part in our first sporting competition this term, Boccia. We are very proud of how they represented the academy and can't wait to see how they progress with this sport in the future.**



### Trips and visits over the autumn term

The children and staff have been very busy in the local area to enhance their learning and sensory experiences.



**Ice festival**



**Pendragon**



**Forest schools**



**Mima**



**Garden centre**

### Website

Our academy video is now live on the site in the Celebrating Discovery section. There are also many new galleries in here where you can see some of the amazing activities the children across the academy have enjoyed this term. Information about the class curriculum is now also available. We will be updating these with the spring term topics before we leave for the Christmas break.

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

**We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**We look forward to seeing you all back in the academy for another amazing term in 2020!**