



# Discovery Special Academy Newsletter Autumn 1 2023

## Attendance

*“Attend today. Achieve tomorrow.”*

We have had a really positive start to the academic year and attendance has been good, thank you. This has a hugely positive impact on your child.

As you are aware attending school regularly helps children in many ways including;

- Establishing routines
- Developing their social and emotional skills
- Developing independence
- Developing communication
- Supporting pupils to be resilient and confident

These are all things that enable children to be happy and to thrive. This can be achieved by ensuring your child comes to school every day. Your child is at school 190 days a year. That leaves 175 days a year they are not at school, meaning every one of those 190 days makes a difference.

### Days off school add up to lost learning

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
100%	0 days	0 weeks	0 lessons
97%	5 days	1 week	30 lessons
95%	10 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	20 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	30 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	40 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

For more information about how we support good attendance, please see our website <https://www.discoveryspecialacademy.org.uk/attendance/>

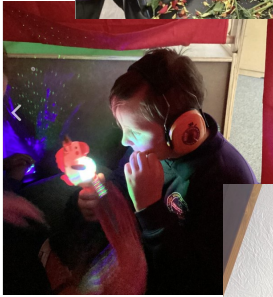
If we can support you in any way, please contact the academy to speak to one of the pastoral team:

Cheryl Arkle, Andrew Wilkinson and Sian Lamb

on 01642 248333.

**A reminder that the children break up for half term this Thursday, 26th October. We return on Monday 6th November.**

Look at what we have been doing this half term



## Christmas is Coming

Over recent years it has become more common to purchase gifts for teachers and teaching assistants, which although incredibly kind - is not expected.

Staff at Discovery love their job and your children make it all worthwhile. Buying gifts can become very expensive and all the staff at Discovery would rather your funds were spent on your children and family so that your festive period is as special as possible, particularly with increased costs of living.

Without a doubt, the nicest gift a member of staff can receive is a handmade picture or card.

As we have done in recent years, we are again suggesting that you don't need to spend money buying lots of cards to give out. What we will do instead, is ask all children to make a card for another child in the academy, so that every child receives a card this year.



Throughout December, we will have lots of lovely activities happening at the academy including singing, assemblies, discos and a visit from Father Christmas. We will be inviting families in to sing and share this with us. Look out for more information after half term.

**An early reminder that the children break up for Christmas on Thursday 21st December and return on Monday 8th January**

**Remember, there is lots of information on our website including more fabulous galleries, all of our letters, information about the curriculum and much more.**



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