



6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parents' Evening sessions this week. It was a great opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher and have those conversations about how they've settled into their new class. Many of you have signed up for Class DOJO and we were able to help others get onto our home learning platform, Learning with Parents. Over **120** Parent View questionnaires were filled in and we have already begun looking at your comments and thoughts. Thank you to our School Leaders and Senior Prefects, who supported the evenings undertaking a variety of duties in their stride. If you were unable to attend, an appointment either by phone or after school can still be made. Please contact your child's class teacher via the academy office.

### Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property around the academy including some good quality unnamed jumpers and cardigans. Water bottles are also being left behind at the end of the day. Please could you ensure that all uniform items are clearly named and that your child brings everything home at the end of the day. We will be doing some work in school about the importance of looking after their personal belongings. Next week after school one afternoon when the weather permits, we will lay out all lost items, so please come and have a look if your child is missing any.

### Parentmail

From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October we will be completely switched over to using Parentmail – **we will no longer be using Teachers2Parents.**

If you haven't already, we recommend that you download the Parentmail app – it is very user friendly and easy to navigate.

### Communication

All communication will now come from Parentmail – this includes information for trips, letters, first aid notifications, detention notifications etc.

- If you are registered with an email address **and have downloaded the app** – you will be sent any communication via the app
- If you are registered with an email address and have not downloaded the app - you will be sent any communication via email
- If you have not registered for an account – you will be sent any communication via a text message

### Payments

Many of you will already be familiar with the “payments” side of Parentmail, as we have been using this since Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Reminder of how it works: -

- **School Dinners** - if you pay for your child's school dinners you will need to top up the account labelled “dinners”. Each day we take a register online and the money will show as debited from your account.
- **Breakfast Club and Care Club** - you will continue to book the club with the main office. If your child is a regular attender at breakfast club or care club you will need to top up the accounts labelled “Breakfast Club” and “Care Club”. On a Monday afternoon we will debit your account for any sessions attended the previous week.
- **Shop** - you can purchase items from the shop (under the tab “payments”). This currently includes uniform and enrichment clubs but other items will be added soon, such as residential trips. Enrichment clubs – cost a voluntary contribution of £2.00, **please only order and “checkout” this item once a space at the club has been confirmed by the main office.**



### Harvest at Worlledge

From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October we will be collecting tinned/packet foods for the Salvation Army as part of our Harvest celebrations. Pupils will need to take these to their classrooms ready to be counted at the end of the week – there will be a prize for the class who brings in the most!

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October parents are invited to attend our Harvest Performances:-

- 9:15am – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- 2:15pm – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Please complete the following link to book your seats - <https://tinyurl.com/Harvest20102023> - booking will close on **16/10/2023**. Please note - due to our fire regulations, if you do not book, you may not be able to attend.

### Oracy October

'Oracy is the foundation to students learning. Whether this is within the curriculum, in extracurricular activities, as part of external visits or within society. Oracy equips students for their future beyond school; the ability to speak, listen, communicate, discuss, share an opinion- it is all underpinned by the level of success at which you have been orally equipped through fundamental techniques and strategies that are sustainable, maintainable, and developed with confidence.

The vision is to enrich students with a variety of opportunities that enable oracy to be natural; an ability that they aren't even aware of, until they use it – foundations that they don't need to think about or feel pressured about. They are just able to embrace their skills- like a superpower- and realise the true potential that oracy gives them and the doors that will open for them with this ability.

The overall aim is for all our OAT students to leave school with these fundamental techniques to form their ability to communicate, to interact and to explore their own confident opinions in various settings in later life.

Within OAT, this will be initiated through day-to-day teaching, embedding oracy strategies into every subject and all aspects of the curriculum. It will then be further developed through extra-curricular activities such as debate clubs, external speakers, visits, and competitions regionally and across the Trust nationally.'

Talk to connect	Talk to challenge	Talk to understand
Talk to influence	Talk to entertain	Talk to discover
Talk to compromise	Talk to analyse	Talk to problem solve
Talk to inform	Talk to instruct	Talk to share



This week saw the launch of Oracy October. Each academy has been asked to invite pupils to apply to become an Oracy Champion. We are pleased to congratulate Mia, Jacob, Joana, Roman, Aspen, Logan, Selby, Rowan and Alfie who will be our champions for this year. There are four weeks of activities being run in school. This week's focus is all about active listening. Children can enter an OAT-wide competition, 'Oracy Bingo' which encourages children to talk in different contexts over the next few weeks.

On Thursday lunchtime, Miss Warner and the Oracy Champions will be running some speaking and listening activities for children, which will help them to build their confidence, articulate their ideas and thoughts clearly and get them involved in some lively discussions.

