

## Diary Dates

### SET DATES

**Monday** - Violin and Orchestra  
Young Voices

**Tuesday** - Multiskills for Year 5 after School

**Weds** - Commando Joe Club for Years 3 and 4 after school

**Thurs** - Year 4 Cello

Young Voices

5E Swimming

3E Swimming

**Friday** - 2Y Swimming

Year 4 Brass

### OTHER DATES

10/12—Cello Concert for 4K Parents and children who have lessons (9.30am)

11/12—Brass Concert for 4T Parents and children who have lessons (9.30am)

18/12—Children finish for Christmas Holiday

04/01—Children return to school



### NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the latest edition of our  
Academy Newsletter.

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**03/12/2015**

## Mr Chambers' Academy News

The countdown to Christmas has started and there are lots of rehearsals and preparations going on around school. I am looking forward to the 2 weeks before Christmas and having the chance to see all the productions.

I am pleased to welcome back Mrs Pinnegar this week who has returned from Maternity Leave. She will be continuing in her role as Assistant Head Teacher responsible for Inclusion.

I am considering reducing the amount of time children have for lunchtimes to 45 minutes. Nursery, Reception and KS1 will be from 12.00pm until 12.45pm and KS2 will be from 12.45pm until 1.30pm.

I have done this for various reasons. It will improve the current staffing situation at lunchtimes. At the moment lunchtimes are spread over two hours and the lunchtime supervisors shifts are split. It will mean we have an increased number of Lunchtime Supervisors with each Key Stage to support the children and organise activities for them. It will also mean that the children have over an extra hours learning each week. To begin with we are going to be using that time to practice comprehension and grammar.

I envisage that lunchtimes will run much more efficiently and tighter and will provide the children with a much better experience. There is still ample time for them to eat their dinner and go out to play. Teachers will be able to take the children out in the afternoon for a comfort break if they feel it is necessary. If you have any feedback or thoughts on this idea then please let me know. This would start after Christmas and would initially be a trial for the first half term.

I hope everyone has a fantastic weekend.

*Mr Chambers*

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## UNIFORM

Could I please remind you to put names inside uniform with a permanent marker. We have a lot of uniform in lost property and we are unable to return it to children because it has no names in.

## NURSERY PARENTS

Can I remind nursery parents that the deadline for submitting applications for our Reception Class is 15th January 2015. To apply online you must visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Christmas Parties this year will take place on the last day of term. School will provide children with all the party food and drinks. **There is no need for children to bring any food in to school for the parties.**

## LITERACY QUIZ

Well done to our Year 6 Literacy Team who were victorious in the Southern Section of the Academies Literacy Competition. We entered three teams and managed to come 1st, 2nd and 3rd out of six schools all together. A great achievement!

## SPORTS NEWS

Our girls and boys football teams both managed to finish 3rd out of 7 Academies in the Inter Academy Football Tournament at the Futsal Arena. Well done to all the children who took part.

## DATA CHECK FORMS

If you have not done so already could you please complete your data check forms with your up to date contact details as soon as possible and return them to the office.

## CHRISTMAS DATES

WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER	FOUNDATION STAGE CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES (9.30AM AND 2.30PM)
THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER	WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER
MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER	RECEPTION VISIT TO WYRE FOREST
TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER	WHOLE SCHOOL CHURCH SERVICE (NOT NURSERY)(9.30AM) HALF OF NURSERY TO ASH END HOUSE FARM
WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER	KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE (9.30AM) KS2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE (2.00PM) PANTOMIME FOR YEAR 1 IN SCHOOL (AFTERNOON)
THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER	HALF OF NURSERY TO ASH END HOUSE FARM YEARS 2 - 6 TO SEE CINDERELLA AT THE MIDLANDS ARTS
FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER	FINAL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY (KS1 9.00AM, KS2 9.30AM) PARENTS WILL BE CONTACTED IF THEIR CHILD HAS WON AN AWARD