REFFLEY ACADEMY
NEWSLETTER
November 26

Message from Miss Fendley

We are now well into the autumn term, and it has been a pleasure to see our school community fully settled into the routines of learning. Children across the academy have been working incredibly hard, demonstrating excellent attitudes to learning and a real determination to achieve their best.

There have already been many highlights this term, from exciting classroom learning and enrichment opportunities to children proudly representing the school in a range of events and activities. It has been wonderful to see so many examples of kindness, teamwork and resilience both inside and outside the classroom.

As we move further into the term, we are looking forward to a number of exciting events and opportunities for our pupils. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

🍽️ School Dinners Reminder

A gentle reminder to all families to please ensure that school dinners are booked in advance using **Pupil Asset**. Pre-ordering meals helps our kitchen team to accurately plan and prepare lunches, reduces food waste and ensures that every child receives their preferred meal choice where possible.

Should you experience any difficulties accessing the system, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support in helping our lunchtime provision run smoothly and efficiently for all children. 🍽️😊

🚙 Parking Around School

Please park respectfully around the school and be considerate of our neighbours at all times. The safety of our children remains our highest priority, particularly during drop-off and collection times.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone in our school community.

⭐ Attendance Matters

At Reffley Academy, we know that every school day counts. Regular attendance is one of the most significant factors in helping children achieve their full potential, both academically and socially.

When children attend school every day, they benefit from consistent learning experiences, build strong relationships with their peers and teachers, and develop the confidence needed to succeed. Even occasional absences can mean that important learning is missed, making it more difficult for children to keep up with new concepts and skills.

Good attendance also helps children establish positive routines, resilience and a sense of belonging within our school community. We would like to thank families for their ongoing support in ensuring that children attend school regularly and arrive on time each day.

By working together, we can give every child the best opportunity to thrive, achieve and make the most of their time at school.

Did You Know?

- 90% attendance means a child misses around **19 school days** each year.
- 95% attendance means a child misses around **10 school days** each year.
- A child with 100% attendance benefits from every lesson, experience and opportunity available.

Together, let's make every day count! 📚 ⭐

🤝 Join Our PTA

We are looking to grow our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and would love to welcome new members. The PTA plays an important role in supporting our school community by organising events, raising funds and creating exciting opportunities for our children.

Whether you can spare a little time or would like to become more actively involved, your support would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in joining the PTA or would like to find out more, please contact the school office.

We would be delighted to hear from you.

💙 Family Support at Reffley Academy

At Reffley Academy, we understand that family life can sometimes present challenges, and we are committed to supporting our families wherever we can. Whether you would like advice regarding attendance, routines, behaviour, wellbeing, finances, housing or accessing additional services, help is available.

Our Family Support Worker, **Miss Hodgson**, is available to offer confidential advice, practical support and a listening ear. Sometimes a simple conversation can make a real difference, and we encourage any parent or carer who may need support to get in touch.

If you would like to speak with Miss Hodgson, please contact her via ClassDojo.

Working together, we can ensure the best possible outcomes for every child and family in our school community. 💙 🏫

🗓️ Important Dates

🗓️ **11th November** – Flu Vaccinations

🗓️ **11th November** – Whole-School Two-Minute Silence

🗓️ **13th November** – Children in Need Non-Uniform Day. Optional donation.

🗓️ **20th November** – Non-Uniform Day. Please bring sweets, chocolate or biscuits donation for the Christmas Fair arranged by school council.

🗓️ **27th November** – Flu Vaccination Catch-Up Session for children absent from the first session.

🗓️ **27th November** – Bingo – Reffley community centre – Doors open 7pm. Eyes down at 7-30pm.

🗓️ **3rd December** – School Choir visiting Woodlands Care Home.

🗓️ **4th December** – School Choir visiting a Dorrington house care home.

🗓️ **7th December** – Parent drop-in to look at books, **2:30pm**.

🗓️ **9th December** – School Christmas Lunch.

🗓️ **10th December** – School Choir visit to Amberley Hall, **2:00pm**.

🗓️ **11th December** – Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance for parents/carers, **10:00am start**.

🗓️ **11th December** – School Christmas Fair.

🗓️ **15th December** – Year 5/6 St Faith's Church Service, **10:00am**. Parents welcome.

🗓️ **15th December** – Year 1/2 Carols on the Playground, **2:30pm**. Parents welcome.

🗓️ **16th December** – Year 3/4 Carols on the Playground, **2:30pm**. Parents welcome.

🗓️ **18th December** – Last Day of Term.

🗓️ **5th January** – Children return to school.

As we approach the festive season, we would like to thank all our families for their continued support. We look forward to sharing many exciting events and celebrations with you over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Fendley and the Reffley Academy Team 🎄 ⭐ 📚