The Crescent Academy

News

Enriching the lives of our children

September 2019

JOINING US IN THE EARLY YEARS THIS SEPTEMBER? See reverse for important information!

See reverse side for all **TERM DATES & UPCOMING DIARY DATES!**

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME





Just like some of you, I am joining Crescent too! I couldn't be happier to be joining you all here and leading your great school. I met lots of the children before the holidays and I am looking forward to being a part of their lives for years to come.

I have lived in Stoke-on-Trent all my life and have proudly worked in Stoke schools for the last 10 years. Most recently, I was Head Teacher at Whitfield Valley Academy in Fegg Hayes. I have a 5 year old daughter called Livvy who keeps me busy away from school! We enjoy going to the cinema or swimming. Livvy likes to ballet dance, but I prefer just to watch! My wife, Amy, is a teacher too. She teaches Reception children, so when we are all off school we like to spend time on the beach in Wales, or in the summer holidays, in Tenerife, where the sea is a bit warmer! You can see Livvy and I here when we were at the seaside and a picture of me and Amy when we went to a wedding over the summer.

I always say that I don't have one child – that I have 700! I count each and every one of your children as one of my own and so only the very best will do for them in school! If ever you have a worry or want to come and speak to me – please do! I'll be out and about at the beginning and end of the school day, but I also would like you to join me for a tea or a coffee. If you're free this Thursday (5th) at 9:15 a.m., or this Friday (6th) at 2:30 p.m. – please come around to the main office where you can have a drink and meet me.

— Adam Clewes

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new school year!

I hope that all our families have had a relaxing summer break which I am sure has been filled with lots of visits and activities that your children have enjoyed.

As with all September starts, I would like to extend a most warm welcome to our new children and families joining our academy this year. If you are just starting in our Nursery, there is some extra information to make sure your child gets off to the best start, which you may like to read over.

As always, we already have lots of events planned for the autumn term. I have included as many advance warnings of dates for events so that you're able to plan your own diaries. This includes our first Enrichment Week, based on Poetry, Year 2's Harvest performance, a visit to Harry Potter World for Year 4, some family learning sessions and the first Parents' Afternoon of the Year!

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TERM DATES

- **SCHOOL OPENS FOR STAFF**
  Monday Sept. 2nd 2019
- **SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN**
  Tuesday Sept. 3rd 2019
- **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**
  Monday Oct. 28th to Friday Nov. 1st 2019
- **SCHOOL OPENS FOR EVERYBODY**
  Monday Nov. 4th 2019
- **SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EVERYBODY**
  Friday Dec. 20th 2019
- **INSET DAY FOR STAFF**
  Friday Nov. 29th 2019

SPRING TERM 2020

- **SCHOOL OPENS FOR STAFF**
  Monday Jan. 6th 2020
- **SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN**
  Tuesday Jan. 7th 2020
- **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**
  Monday Feb. 17th to Friday February 21st 2020
- **SCHOOL OPENS FOR EVERYBODY**
  Monday Feb. 24th 2020
- **SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EVERYBODY**
  Friday April 3rd 2020

SUMMER TERM 2020

- **SCHOOL OPENS FOR EVERYBODY**
  Monday April 20th 2020
- **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**
  Monday May 25th to Friday May 29th 2020
- **SCHOOL OPENS FOR EVERYBODY**
  Monday June 1st 2020
- **SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHILDREN**
  Friday July 17th 2020
- **INSET DAYS FOR STAFF**
  Friday July 3rd 2020
  Monday July 20th 2020

SUMMARY OF INSET DAYS:

- *Monday Sept. 2nd 2019*
- *Friday Nov. 29th 2019*
- *Monday Jan. 6th 2020*
- *Friday July 3rd 2020*
- *Monday July 20th 2020*

FAMILY LEARNING

Family Learning is a great opportunity for you to try out something new, to really help your child at home. These sessions are fun, and there's tea or coffee on offer too! Coming up this term:

- **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH**
  Are You a Bucket Filler (Year 6)
- **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH**
  Super Tato (Year 4)
- **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2ND**
  Family First Aid
- **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16TH**
  Rhyme Time (Nursery)

More details will be sent home for each of these sessions, so keep your eyes peeled!

STARTING IN THE EARLY YEARS THIS SEPTEMBER?

If your child is joining the Nursery, if you haven't already started, here are some things you can work on with them at home to make sure they get off to the best start:

- *Sit, listen and concentrate for small periods of time*
- *Be aware of other children*
- *Understand instructions e.g. No and Stop (to alert them to or avoid danger*
- *To be toilet trained*
- *To recognise their own name*
- *To speak to adults they know and ask for help or support*
- *To Be able to talk in sentences*
- *To enjoy stories and to handle books with care*
- *To take off and put on their own shoes and coat*
- *To not use a dummy and to walk to school rather than use a pushchair*

Mrs Vance is holding a 'Welcome to Nursery' workshop on September 16th at 9.30am, or September 17th at 2pm. We hope you can make it to enjoy one of these sessions!

DIARY DATES

- **THURSDAY SEPT. 5TH @ 9.15AM**
  Meet the New Principal Morning
- **FRIDAY SEPT. 6TH @ 2.30PM**
  Meet the New Principal afternoon
- **TUESDAY SEPT. 17TH**
  First Year 4 visit to Harry Potter World
- **FRIDAY SEPT. 20TH @ 2.30PM**
  Farm Fresh Revolution Delivery
- **MONDAY SEPT. 23RD**
  Second Year 4 Visit to Harry Potter World
- **FRIDAY OCT. 4TH**
  Individual & Family Photographs from Academy photos
- **FRIDAY OCT. 4TH @ 2.30PM**
  Farm Fresh Revolution Delivery
- **WEDNESDAY OCT. 9TH FROM 1.30PM**
  Parents' Afternoon/Evening
- **OCTOBER 14TH TO 18TH**
  Enrichment Week – Poetry
- **THURSDAY OCT. 17TH @ 9.15AM & 2.30PM**
  Year 2 Harvest Performance
- **FRIDAY OCT. 18TH @ 2.30PM**
  Farm Fresh Revolution Delivery
- **OCTOBER 21ST TO 25TH**
  Year 6 Visit to Normandy, France
- **FRIDAY OCT. 25TH**
  Break up for the half term holidays
- **MONDAY NOV. 4TH**
  Return to school after the half term break

INTRODUCING YOUR LEARNING ENGAGEMENT LEAD

I am pleased to introduce to you Mr. Steve Davies. Mr. Davies will be working with the team here at Crescent to develop new learning opportunities within and beyond the classroom, support children with any problems they may have during the day and support you as parents too. I'm sure you'll say 'hello' and make him feel welcome; he's looking forward to getting to know you all.

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