



# CITY OF PETERBOROUGH ACADEMY SPECIAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Autumn Term Newsletter – Term 2

We've had a really great start to our Autumn Term. All our students have settled back really well into the routine of school life and our new students have settled equally well and are getting used to their new classrooms and peer groups.

We'd like to give you an update on what we've been up to during the last few weeks, as well as what we have planned for the second part of the Autumn Term.

## COPASS Macmillan Coffee Morning – A big thank you!

We held our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September and would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who not only took the time to supply some fantastic cakes for our fundraising event, but who also joined us on the day. We had such a great response and it was great to see so many of you come into our school to spend time with us and support such a worthwhile cause. We are very proud to announce that we raised £283.59 on the day and would like to thank everybody for their time and generosity in helping us achieve this.



## Harvest Festival Donations

We had an equally great response to the plea from St Mary's, our local church, for food donations to support the poor and homeless people of our local community.

Reverend Moore visited us on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October and took part in our Primary Assembly where he very gratefully received the donations you all kindly made.

## Renaming the School

Our new school name "Medeshamstede Academy" has been approved by the DfE and we will be known as this from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Medeshamstede was the name of Peterborough in the Anglo-Saxon period. Over the second half of Autumn Term pupils will be learning about the history of the name and the area within their lessons, culminating in a celebratory event in the last week of term.

## Curriculum and Assessment Information Sessions

A reminder that after the October half term holiday we will be hosting Curriculum and Assessment Information Sessions for parents to attend and find out more about the school's approach and give you detail of the core curriculum content.

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We are offering two opportunities to attend this. The first session will be on Tuesday 6 November and will run from 6.30 – 7.30pm with coffee available from 6pm. The second session will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November and will run from 9.30 – 10.30am, with coffee available from 9am. If you haven't already responded to advise of your attendance, please may we ask that you do so to enable us to effectively plan for these sessions.

### **Children In Need 2018**

Across the country on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**, it is **Children In need** where communities will be working together to raise money for disadvantaged children across the UK. The projects that are funded help children that face a range of disadvantages for example poverty and deprivation; children who have been the victims of abuse or neglect or disabled young people. Currently 2,400 projects are being supported by the charity in the UK.

We are therefore inviting pupils and staff to support this worthwhile cause by **Going Spotty** and we invite them all to wear an outfit containing spots and pay £1 on the day.

### **Dates for your diary**

The attached dates will be added to the school calendar on the website. We will notify parents of any additional dates or amendments, where applicable, with as much notice as possible and specific details will be released nearer to each event.

### **Half Term Dates**

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November**, after their half term break, and of course more exciting times ahead!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs T Ydlibi

**Executive Principal**

# DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM 2

	ACTIVITY	DATE	CLASS
<b>NOV</b>	Return Back to School after Half Term Break	Thursday 1st November	Whole School
	Swimming lessons at St George's Swimming Pool	Every Thursday morning from 8 Nov	Caterpillar Class
	Trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge linked to "The Pharaoh's" topic	TBC	Hawk Class
	Curriculum & Assessment Information Session: 6.30 - 7.30pm	Tuesday 6th November	Whole School
	Curriculum & Assessment Information Session: 9.30 - 10.30am	Wednesday 7th November	Whole School
	Children in Need	Friday 16th November	Whole School
	Final rehearsal & performance in Shakespeare Schools Festival at Key Theatre	Thursday 22nd November	Secondary Pupils
	<b>DECEMBER</b>	Swimming lessons at St George's Swimming Pool up to & including 13th Dec	Every Thursday morning
Maths Queensgate Trip		Date TBC	Maths Groups A, B, C & D
Peter Pan at the Key Theatre (date may be subject to change)		Thursday 6th December	Half Termly Reward Trips for Year 7 & 8
Sacrewell Farm: Small animal experience / Bug Hunting / Pond Dipping		Date TBC	Half Termly Reward Trips for Year 7 & 8
Hollywood Bowl (AMF) Trip		Monday 10th December	Mindset for Learning Reward Trip
Ferry Meadows with Meal		Monday 10th December	Mindset for Learning Reward Trip
Lazertag at Play2Day		Monday 10th December	Mindset for Learning Reward Trip
Activity World Trip		Tuesday 11th December	Half Termly Reward Trips for Year 7 & 8
Escape Room Experience		Weds 12th December	Mindset for Learning Reward Trip
Wildwood Meal and Cinema Experience (film TBC)		Thursday 13th or Tues 18th Dec	Mindset for Learning Reward Trip
Hamerton Zoo Trip		Thursday 13th December	Mindset for Learning Reward Trip
Christmas Dinner for Pupils and Staff		Friday 14th December	Whole School
Woodgreen Animal Shelter Trip with drink and snack		Monday 17th December	Mindset for Learning Reward Trip
Ferry Meadows walk with a drink		Tuesday 18th December	Half Termly Reward Trips for Year 7 & 8
Wicksteed Park		Wednesday 19th December	Mindset for Learning Reward Trip
Medeshamstede Celebratory Events		Thursday 20th & Friday 21st December	Whole School
Break up for Christmas Holiday	Friday 21st December	Whole School	
<b>JAN</b>	Back to School	Thursday 3rd January	Whole School