



# CITY OF PETERBOROUGH ACADEMY SPECIAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Autumn Term Newsletter**

Hello and welcome back from what was hopefully a great summer break for you all. May we also extend a very warm welcome to all the new students and families that have joined us.

We look forward to seeing the students settle back into the routine of school life as well as their new classrooms and peer groups.

Next week we will be issuing you with a list of events and trips planned for this first half term, but in the meantime I would like to take the opportunity to update you on a few of the activities that we have organised.

## **Sleep Solutions workshop – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming Scope into our school who will be running a one day parent and professional workshop around “Sleep Solutions” on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am – 2pm.

Scope only run three free workshops a year so we are very lucky to have secured this training with them.

“Sleep Solutions” provides support for families of disabled children and those with additional needs, aged between 2 and 19, who have severe sleep problems.

Spaces on the workshop are very limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis so, if you are interested in attending, please let us know by 12 noon this Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September and we will confirm if you have been successful in securing a place by close on Friday.

## **Family Voice Coffee Morning**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October we will be hosting a coffee morning in partnership with Family Voice from 9.30am - 11.30am.

Family Voice are a small community group who actively seek to improve services in all areas of the lives of children and young people aged 0-25 years with disabilities or additional needs. They aim to help parents and carers engage with professionals across Health, Education and Social Care and provide them with access to the information about what services are available to them.

We hope as many of you as possible are able to join us for the morning to see how Family Voice could support you.

## **Have A Go Day**

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Oundle School are hosting another of their popular “Have a Go Days” for adults and children with physical and /or learning difficulties. Various activities can be enjoyed

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during the afternoon including swimming, archery and yoga. If you would like further details of this event, a poster is displayed in our reception and leaflets are also available. The registration deadline for attendance is 14th September.

### **Harvest Festival Donations**

As part of the Harvest Festival season CoPASS will once again be supporting St Mary's, our local church, by collecting as many food donations as possible to support the poor and homeless people of our local community. This year the church are asking for rice pudding, tapioca pudding and / or soups, as they already have a good supply of other food. The schools' aim is to reach a total of 250 items this year which will be donated to the Peterborough Food Bank. I do hope you can support us and help us reach that total and beyond.

Reverend Moore will be visiting the school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October to collect any items that have been donated. Please feel free to start sending in your food donations as soon as possible. We look forward to being able to present our collection to the Reverend and once again show our support to those less fortunate than ourselves.

### **Snack Provision and Water**

At snack time we provide fruit with the option of a carton of milk for all pupils, which is funded for pupils up to the end of Year 2. However, to help fund this for our remaining pupils, we are asking for a £10 voluntary contribution, per term. Please send your contributions in a named envelope for your child to Mrs Edwards on our reception.

Bottles of water will no longer be available from the school. Drinking fountains are available throughout the school and pupils are encouraged to bring in their own water bottles each day to ensure they remain hydrated. Fizzy drinks are not allowed in school.

### **Academy Day and Timings**

With the start of a new school year I would like to remind you all about the start and finish times of the school day. Our doors open to students at 8.45am with morning registration beginning at 8.55am. Registration will last until 9.10am and as such, any students arriving after 9.10am will be marked as late in the register.

Our school day ends at 2.55pm and, for those parents who collect their child(ren), please may we ask that you are ready to collect at this time, and no earlier.

### **2018/19 Term Dates**

A quick reminder that our 2018/19 term dates are available on our website and that the October half term dates will run from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October inclusive and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### **Student Personal Data and Parental Contacts**

We will soon be sending home a copy of our students' personal data. Please check this and inform us of any changes by making amendments on the form and returning to school.

Throughout the year, if any of this information changes (mobile phone numbers, addresses etc) it should be provided in writing to us by emailing [admin@copaspecialschool.org](mailto:admin@copaspecialschool.org).

We are all looking forward to exciting times ahead!

Yours sincerely,



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