



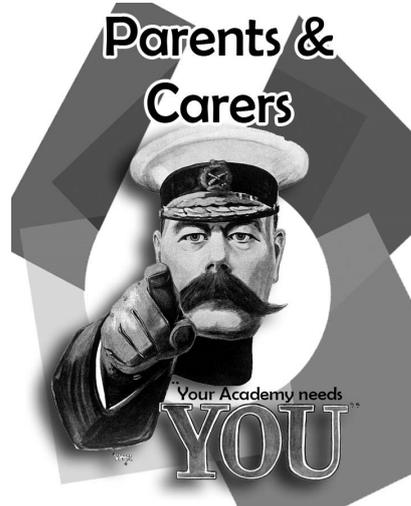
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# Blackfriars Bulletin

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## Parents and Carers



We need Wipes. Please send in packets of wipes if your child has personal care and at least one spare set of clothes (2 sets of underwear)

On **Wednesday 24th October** we have our Special Person's Lunch. We will have a room set aside to display lost property; please make sure that you check for any items that might belong to your child at that event. Lost property is available to collect on Thursday 25th & Friday 26th as well – pop in to check if you have items missing. For parents / carers who cannot

make the journey in, if the item is labelled with your child's name, please send in a note and the TAs will check. All lost property will go to the Shaw Trust shop over half term if not claimed by Friday 26th October.

### Harvest Assembly



On Monday, Mrs O'Connor led a very interactive and multi-sensory Harvest Festival assembly where she talked about the importance of food for us all. She helped us to understand how much of our food travels for many miles before it reaches our plates and

she urged us all to think carefully about buying locally and supporting our local communities. The front of the hall had a wonderful display of tins and packets of non-perishable food that Mr Goodman then transported to the Newcastle Food Bank. In their thank you letter, they state that our donation will help them to provide over 200 meals to people in crisis in the Newcastle and wider area. We are keen to support this charity because of its local impact. At the Newcastle Staffs Foodbank they have fed **over 22700 people, including over 7800 children**, since they opened in December 2012 and continue to feed about 80 people a week in 2018. There are six distribution centres at Clayton, Silverdale, Chesterton, Kidsgrove, Newcastle town centre and Madeley and more details on the work of Foodbank can be found by following this website link [www.newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk). Thank you for sending in so much food.

### Safeguarding Contact Information

#### Staffordshire

First Response :  
0800 1313 126  
Outside office hours:  
0845 6042886

#### Stoke-on-Trent

Advice and Referral Team:  
01782 235100  
Outside office hours:  
01782 234234

#### Cheshire East

Referral Team :  
0300 123 5012 Option 2  
Outside office hours:  
0300 123 5022

#### Shropshire

Referral Team:  
01743 254 259  
Initial Contact Team:  
0345 678 9021  
Outside office hours:  
0345 678 9040

### Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

Staffordshire: First Response –  
0845 604 2719

Stoke on Trent: Adult Social Care –  
0800 561 0015

[Blackfriarsacademy.org.uk](http://Blackfriarsacademy.org.uk)

Special Persons' Lunch – Wednesday 24 October – 11:45pm (Lunch at 12noon)

October half term – Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Celebration of Achievement for last year's Year 11

Progress Review Evening for Wedgwood, Moorcroft, and Portmeirion - Wednesday 21 November 6-8pm

Christmas Fayre—Friday 14th December 1:45pm

Christmas Holiday – close at 2pm on Thursday 20 December to Friday 4 January

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

Moorcroft visited Ford Green Hall this week to explore life in Tudor times. They explored the house and gardens and then had the opportunity to make Tudor marzipan fruits with Chris the Tudor guide. They tried Tudor clothing and immersed themselves in Tudor life, experiencing it from the perspective of a Tudor child.

On Thursday, Gladstone class visited RAF Cosford Museum to develop their knowledge and understanding of the Cuban Missile Crisis in the context of the Cold War. The students undertook an evidence search of artefacts from the period and had the chance to feel the pressure of the Cuban Missile Crisis in the high tech interactive pod where they had to reflect on their learning from the visit.



At our recent Academy Council meeting, Councillors asked me to share with parents and carers the summary of last year's progress data that illustrates just how fantastically well our students have done and what a superb team of skilled teachers and experienced and committed TAs we have. 93% of our students exceeded expectations in English (or communication) and 98% of students met expectations in number work or maths with 86% exceeding expectations. These results are absolutely phenomenal and illustrate that we are confidently entering our 22nd year as an outstanding school.

For many of you, I know that the most important thing is that your child is happy, that they are being supported to make progress physically and that their communication skills are improving. The way in which we judge ourselves in these areas is through the EHCP targets. 84% of students met their targets (and those who didn't are in the process of having more accurate targets written into their plan!) Again, this is a massive success story and the Academy Council, who provide a huge amount of support to the school, were keen that all parents and carers have the chance to join them in recognising these achievements.

#### **Our Scholars of the Week are:**

**Kane** in Gladstone has been nominated for making excellent progress in his ability to manage his emotions – well done Kane, this is a very important skill to have in life

**Jess** in Dudson has been nominated for the progress that she has made in the mornings in her ability to communicate. Well done Jess