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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Weekly Newsletter Week 5

#### Change of Inset

A letter was sent home yesterday regarding the official school opening on the 26<sup>th</sup> October and the subsequent need to change the inset day scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> April to the 26<sup>th</sup> October. There was a slight error at the bottom with the list of remaining inset days, the 6<sup>th</sup> January should have said 8<sup>th</sup> January.

We hope that many of you will be able to join us in the afternoon on the 26th for the official opening celebration. This will be between 1:30 and 2:30pm.

#### Sign of the Week

This week our sign has been 'good afternoon'



**Good afternoon**

#### What have we been learning?

This week Craig's class have really enjoyed going on a bug hunt as part of Attention Autism, we looked at scorpions, beetles, wasps and a scary spider.

In Vic's class they have enjoyed a new Counting Song in Maths. The children have practised counting the spacemen and matching them back into the flying saucer. In their Phonics sessions they have been listening to sounds and exploring sounds they can make with their bodies. They have done some fantastic listening and sharing too. Vic is very impressed with them!

## **Parent Communication**

Any messages regarding school will always be communicated from school via phonecall, email, text service on MCaS or via Tapestry however attached to this week's newsletter is a slip from one of our parents who has chosen to set up a Whatsapp group for Newstead parents/carers. This is not something which school have organised or are suggesting that you take part in or join, it would be entirely your choice but we have said that we would share this with you all.

## **FLU Vaccinations**

Reminder that the immunisation Team will be visiting school on **18<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm** I have attached the booking information to the newsletter again for those who may still need it.

Please help us to protect your children and our staff by completing the consent form by following the information on the attached letter.

## **Safeguarding - Attendance**

The law states that children should arrive at school on time, every day. Every school day comprises of two sessions, morning and afternoon. Pupils attend school for 380 sessions or 190 days during a school year. It is a legal requirement that the attendance register be taken at the start of each morning and afternoon session.

The expectations for Newstead Academy are as follows:

8:45- 9:15 - The start of the school day. Children arrive via transport or parental drop off and access a soft start.

9:15 - Registration period closes. External gates are secured and learning sessions begin.

### **Late Arrivals**

Late arrivals can impact on learning and progress and can disrupt classroom routines for the class as well as the late pupil.

Arrivals after 9:15 will enter the school through the main door and report to the school office. Parents are required to record the time of arrival and reason for lateness. Arrivals after 9:15 but before 9:25 will be recorded as late (L). Arrivals after 9:25 will be recorded as unauthorised absence (U). At the point of 5 U coded sessions (within a half term) a warning letter will be issued. This is notification that a Penalty Notice may be issued if persistent lateness after close of registration continues. Persistence lateness is defined as 10 U coded sessions within a 12 week period.

Our Attendance policy is now live on the school website if you would like any further information.

Many thanks,

Lauren Norton,

Head of School