

# WEATHERFIELD ACADEMY

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Dear Parents & Carers

It was really pleased see everyone back in school this week after the Easter break. Almost immediately I have seen some excellent work, which will be showcased in our celebration Assembly at the end of this week from pupils in all Key Stages.

The Leadership Programme in the school continues to be popular, with our pupils taking additional responsibility as part of our 'out of hours learning' through the lunchtime clubs. Levels of success have been evident as our pupils gain confidence in this well-established course. We will be celebrating again in Assembly on Friday a number of pupils who have reached this stage of achievement. Well done to all involved.

## New Classroom Build

The new classroom build adjacent to the school farm has started and hopefully will be completed in the summer term ready for September. As you will be aware, we are under extreme pressure for spaces at Weatherfield and I feel that this project will be the last addition to the site that can be coped with, given the infrastructure for the needs of our pupils and staffing numbers. I hope that I will be able to report back to you in the near future how the Local Authority plan to utilise the vacant Brewers Hill Site which has been reserved in order to meet the future growth of Weatherfield.

## Accreditations

This term sees many of our older pupils complete their accreditations. These courses are important and offer the skills needed for a move into the adult world, as our older pupils prepare for these transitions. Since 2017, all of our school leavers have successfully completed the transfer into adult life, including college courses, work and training.

## Summer Term Events

There are some exciting events taking place in the coming term including residential visits, Sports' Day, Parent Consultations and the issuing of annual school reports. More information on these will follow in later newsletters.

## SNAP – SEND Survey Link

Please find attached a link to the SEND survey that SNAP (Parent Partnership Group) are conducting in April and May and will help the LA gauge the impact of SEND services for parents/carers and their children in CBC. Please go to the link below to complete the survey if you wish to take part.

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CY3K633?fbclid=IwAR23jGoR40rOH91ULG8u7TnB8J4Ro\\_q9DpgLMPkxbLvfpn4-S062rNiJETE](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CY3K633?fbclid=IwAR23jGoR40rOH91ULG8u7TnB8J4Ro_q9DpgLMPkxbLvfpn4-S062rNiJETE)

## Coffee Afternoon

We will be holding our next Coffee Afternoon on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 2pm to 3pm, where there will be a visit to our Forest School with an opportunity to chat to Mr Young, the Forest School Leader and his team.

### Potential Teacher Strike Days

You may be aware, from national media that Teaching Unions have proposed to take further strike actions. The two proposed dates are Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. As in the Spring Term, I will keep you informed and will try to maintain as much of our normal working as possible, whilst giving you as much notice if the school day is going to be altered in any way.

### Spring Celebration

Thank you to those of you who passed on your positive comments regarding the Spring Celebration that was held at the Dunstable Conference Centre which many of you attended. This was a great event with many members of the school taking an active part in the celebrations. Thank you to everyone who attended and was involved in this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Selmes', with a stylized flourish above the first few letters.

Mr J Selmes  
Head Teacher