

WEATHERFIELD ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we move towards the end of this half term, and my first half term as Interim Head of School, I wanted to say thank you, both to you as parents and to the Weatherfield staff team, for the support and good wishes I have received. It has felt like a very quick and vibrant half term, despite the cold and grey days.

Studybugs

We are pleased to announce that Weatherfield is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. Please download a free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school. The link is:

[Get the app or register now \(https://studybugs.com/about/parents\)](https://studybugs.com/about/parents)

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations [improve children's health](https://studybugs.com/about/schools).
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Safer Internet Day

Today has been our Safer Internet Day, with a visit from the Cyber Security Team of Bedfordshire Police to a special assembly. During the day, there has been a number of sessions in Key Stages, with a focus on the dangers of internet use, as well as how to use the internet safely. There has also been a Parent Information Session at today's Coffee Afternoon on keeping children safe online. If you were unable to attend the Information Session, but would like more information, please leave your details with the Academy Office so that resources can be signposted to you.

Senior Leader Focus

During this half term, as a Senior Team, we have focussed on the monitoring of Maths, Science and English. We can see there is good sequencing of work in these areas that has enabled learners to make progress. We would like to thank staff for their ongoing work in this area.

Upcoming Trips and Activities

There are a number of exciting opportunities for learners planned over the coming months, starting with a Key Stage 4 Science trip to the National History Museum next week. This will be followed in March by residential visits to Caldecotte and The National Citizenship Activity Centre, as well as Bikeability Levels 1

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and 2. In addition to these events, staff and School Council Representatives are also preparing for World Book Day on 8th March and Comic Relief Day on 15th March. Further details to follow.

We will end this week with our usual celebration Assembly, where we continue the Weatherfield tradition of gathering together for the giving of certificates, awards, and to celebrate achievements and birthdays over the last week.

Just a reminder, we break for half term next Friday 16th February, with everyone returning to the Academy on Monday 26th February.

Yours sincerely



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