

## No 1 Multi Academy Trust for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes

DFE PERFORMANCE TABLES 2019 AND NO 3 IN 2018

## Top 10 National Pupil Progress

DFE PERFORMANCE TABLES 2018 AND 2019



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Families

Time is whizzing by and the atmosphere in school is definitely beginning to feel very festive! Rehearsals for our whole school Nativity are well underway and the naughty elves have arrived but are in elf isolation until the 1st December!

The National Lockdown restrictions will be lifted next week and we enter Tier 2 restrictions. There will be no significant changes to how we operate at school despite the change in national restrictions. We continue to maintain our strict hygiene measures, including handwashing and to keep the children in two distinct bubbles. I urge you to continue to follow the restrictions in place to keep the children and community safe. We have been very lucky to have avoided any bubble closures so far and we would not want any families being affected by needing to quarantine over the Christmas period.

I spent time talking to groups of children from each class this week about their learning and also about how school has been since our September return. All of the children said that it had been absolutely fine, even a few who had been a little bit worried about it! Some other points were

- Most children liked the new way of starting the day, they preferred coming straight in to their class and settling down to work. KS1 liked using a different entrance.
- All of the children said that they missed seeing the whole school. The older children in particular, missed helping with the younger classes.
- Although they missed seeing all of the classes, the older children said that they enjoyed having more space to play on the playground.

These are all interesting points to consider as we hopefully may begin to ease out of COVID 19 restrictions later in the Spring term. I will speak to more children each week to build a bigger picture of what has worked well and we may want to keep.

Have a great weekend

Best Wishes

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## Christmas Date Reminders

Tuesday 8th December	Whole School Nativity - 2pm
Wednesday 9th December	Whole School Nativity- 2pm
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation)
Monday 14th December	Butter Cove/Bantham Christmas Party
Tuesday 15th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16th December	Sedgewell Cove Christmas Party
Thursday 17th December	Steeple Cove, Yarmer and Leas Foot Christmas Party
Friday 18th December	Mufti Day & Christmas Quiz

## Christmas Lunch

Please don't forget to preorder your child's Christmas lunch by Tuesday 1st December. If you are having any difficulties logging in to School Money please contact Mrs Brodie in the Academy Office.

## Funsie Onesie Runsie

We are very proud of Butter Cove who today ran a 'Funsie Onesie Runsie' to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness. The children have been very excited about this event which was organised by Emily Rose. I know some of the children have raised lots of money through sponsorship and we look forward to sharing a grand total with you soon.



## Parent Survey Reminder

Thank you to those parents who have already completed the Parent Survey. If you would like to complete it this is the link [Parent Questionnaire](#)

## Library Survey

Book Track is the reading challenge for primary-aged children run by Libraries Unlimited through your local public library. Lots of children enjoy taking part, earning badges and stickers as a reward for reading lots of books and talking about them. Now Libraries Unlimited has received some funding, from Tesco Bags of Help, to create a brand new reading challenge to replace Book Track. This is where you can help. Before making any changes or creating something new, Libraries Unlimited would like to find out what you think. They are interested in the views of all parents and children that are interested in books and reading.

Please follow [this link](#) to a short survey that is designed for children aged 5+ and a parent/carer to complete together. It won't take long to complete, and you could win a fantastic prize. The survey is open until Friday 11th December 2020 and all entries submitted before then will be entered into a prize draw to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet! (T&Cs apply)