

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful break. We have updated our website. The new address is: www.radfordacademy.co.uk Keep checking it regularly as it will give you lots of information. We appreciate and welcome your feedback. There is a suggestion box in reception or you can email. Parents can also complete a questionnaire to Ofsted online by going to: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Dates for your Diary

- **Fri 10th Feb** - LAST DAY OF HALF TERM.
- **Mon 13th-Fri 17th Feb** - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.
- **Mon 20th Feb** - **BACK TO SCHOOL.**
- **Fri 31st Mar** - LAST DAY OF TERM.
- **Mon 3rd Apr-Mon 17th Apr** - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.
- **Tues 18th Apr** - **BACK TO SCHOOL.**

Lilian Greenwood's Christmas Card Competition We are pleased to announce that Nadia Wan Idrus, Class 5, won the "Best in School" prize for her Christmas Card entry (please see back of newsletter). Nadia received a certificate and gift vouchers and her drawing was displayed in the Nottingham Contemporary Museum. Congratulations to Nadia and also to all the other children who entered and won certificates.

Weekly Attendance Week ending 16th December 2016

Group	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
R	9.6	3.6	100.0	86.8
1	2.3	0.0	100.0	97.7
2	4.1	0.7	100.0	95.2
3	2.8	0.0	100.0	97.2
4	6.3	1.0	100.0	92.7
5	1.9	3.2	100.0	94.8
6	3.1	0.0	100.0	96.9
Totals	4.3	1.2	100.0	94.5

Please remember **no** holidays can be authorised during term time.

Class Topics

Yr R - We will be reading Julia Donaldson stories. We are starting with The Gruffalo and doing lots of exciting activities based on this.



Yr 1 - Our focus this half term is toys. We will be finding out about toys our mums and dads played with and talking about toys we like today.

Yr 2 - We are going to be having a science focus looking at habitats and how to stay healthy.

Yr 3 - Our topic this term is Extreme Earth. We will be learning about volcanoes, tornadoes and rocks.

Yr 4 - We will be learning about sound and pitch in science this half term. We will also be writing story settings and building vocabulary in English.

Yr 5 - This term we will focus on geography, looking at how to read maps and how to locate places. We will also look at climates and biomes.

Yr 6 - We are going to be researching the period AD900 as part of our topic.

NSPCC The NSPCC's "Speak out, Stay safe" programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. On Friday Key Stage 1 & 2 will have separate assemblies which are child friendly and delivered by specially trained staff. They give children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries. Next week Years 5 & 6 will have a class workshop more appropriate for their age group. It is important that all children have this information. We will be sending a letter home today which will help you get further information and advice.

Swimming Lessons Years 3 & 4 will be going swimming at John Carroll Leisure Centre every Thursday afternoon this term. Please ensure they bring their swimming kit and towel to school every Thursday.



Activities Happening in School

English Class - Every Tuesday, 9.15am-11.15am.

Creative Coffee Morning, Every Wednesday 9.15am-10.45am.

Beauty Class - Every Friday, 9.15am-11.15am.

*For further details, please contact
 Naseem Khan, Parent Support Worker.*

Contact Details Please let the school office know immediately if you move house or change your phone number. It is very important that we have up to date information in case we need to contact you in an emergency.