

Autumn Two: Friday 22nd October 2021



Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on **Tuesday 23rd November and Wednesday 24th November**. The following COVID measures will be in place to ensure that they are carried out as safely as possible:

- Appointments will be 10 minutes only
- Please arrive for parents evening via the school's main entrance.
- In order to keep everyone safe, no more than two adults per child
- Parents/Carers should arrive at school promptly for the time of their appointment
- We encourage parents to wear a facial covering for the appointment as these will take place in the children's classrooms.
- There will be a one-way system in place to support with maintaining some distance as you are entering and exiting school.

A Parent Mail for booking will be sent out the week beginning 1st November.

Important Dates

- **Monday 1st November** – Children return to school for autumn 2 term
- **Thursday 4th November** – Diwali Day (Children come to school dressed in traditional Indian dress or bright, colourful clothing)
- **Monday 15th November** – Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week (Children come to school in uniform with odd socks on)
 - **Thursday 18th November** – Water Safety Outreach Workshop for Nursery – Y6
 - **Friday 19th November** – Children in Need – (Children come to school in something spotty)
- **Tuesday 30th November** – Anti-Bullying Ambassador training day for groups of children from Y4–Y6
- **Friday 3rd December** – UK Parliament Session for Y5
- **Friday 17th December** – Last day of autumn 2 term
- **Tuesday 4th January 2022** – First day of spring term

Clubs Outside of School

Across school, the staff have been creating fantastic displays that demonstrate the progression of subjects from EYFS to Year 6. After half term, a Physical Education display will also be developed. On this display, we would love to celebrate children who take part in clubs **outside of school** for example football clubs, martial arts, dancing, gymnastics, horse riding etc. If your child takes part in any of these clubs, please send them into school with a photograph of them taking part and a small explanation as to what they do. This can be brought in and handed to Mrs Abbiss or emailed into the school email info@stalbansceacademy.com

We can't wait to celebrate our children's extra-curricular skills.



TT Rockstars Challenge

For Maths Week England, we will be taking part in a friendly competition involving schools from all over England from **Monday 8th November to Thursday 11th November**. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com – children received their logins for this at the beginning of the autumn term.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7:30AM GMT and 7:30PM GMT on Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th. To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60 minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60 minutes between 7.30am and 7.30pm. Once the player goes beyond 60 minutes of play on a given day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less.

Thanks for your support.