



Autumn Bulletin – Friday 9th September 2022

Message from Mrs. Ducker – Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are deeply saddened to hear of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Throughout her life, she demonstrated great service, commitment and dedication. Our thoughts are with the Royal Family at this time for their personal loss, we all share in their grief. In school our children will have the opportunity to talk about how they may be feeling, share any worries they may have and also celebrate the great and inspirational life of Queen Elizabeth II.



Welcome to our new families who have joined us in Reception and in other year groups this year and a welcome back to all our Civitas community. Our children are settling in really well, getting to know new staffing teams and learning the routines for making school as successful as it can be.

We have really appreciated our families' support in ensuring we continue to keep safe as we continue with our one-way system at collection time; we're definitely not going to be able to have over 800 people on the playground at any one time!

In the morning the gates open at 8:40 to support safe entry and close at 8:55 when children are expected to be in their classes ready to start the school day. At the end of the day, we welcome our families onto the playground to collect the children using the one-way system and have kept the square in the middle of the playground for families collecting siblings. Reception, Year1 and Year2 finish at **3:15pm** and Years 3, 4,5, and 6 at **3:25pm**. We will continue to take feedback from staff, families, and our residents as to how this is impacting safety around the school and our local area.



Pick up!

Yr 5/6
Outside hall

Yr 4
Decking stairs

Parent holding area for siblings

Year R
Playground

Year 1
Outside class

Yr 3

Yr 2

- ▶ EYFS/KS1 3:15pm
- ▶ KS2 3:25pm
- ▶ Parents line up on the path before gates open.
- ▶ Gates open at 3:15pm.
- ▶ One way system in place for parents that want to collect and go
- ▶ Middle of the playground will be a waiting area for siblings
- ▶ Parents wait by year group area
- ▶ School procedures for collection will still apply; please inform the office if another adult is collecting your child.

Parking outside school

We recognise there is limited parking near school, and this can become frustrating both for yourselves and our residents. It may be that families need to park further away from the school entrance and walk down to the gates. To keep everyone safe you must NOT double park or park in front of the entrance gate on Hodsoll Road. We have asked for additional support from our local PCSOs, so our children, staff and families continue to stay safe.

Lunches

School lunches are provided by an external company called Crumbs. They must be ordered a week in advance on our online system Tucasi, all details can be found on our school website [School Lunches | Civitas Academy](#)

Primary LUNCH MENU

MEAT FREE

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 05.09.2022 03.10.2022 31.10.2022 28.11.2022	Mexican Sweet Potato and Bean Burrito with Cheese, Sweetcorn & Tortilla Chips Fresh Natural Raspberry & Vanilla Yoghurt	Creamy Ham and Mushroom Wholewheat Penne Pasta Bake with Green Beans and Garlic Bread Creamy Spinach, Cannellini Bean and Mushroom Wholewheat Pasta Bake with Green Beans & Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit Salad	Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Gravy Roast Quorn with Sage and Onion Stuffing, with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Gravy Orange & Mango Jelly	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise and Cucumber Sticks Jacket Potato with Baked Beans* and Cheddar Cheese Honeydew Melon Wedges	MSC Cod and Pollock Fish Cake with Buttered New Potatoes, Peas and Tomato Ketchup Vegetable Cake with Buttered New Potatoes, Peas and Tomato Ketchup Cheddar Cheese & Crackers
Week 2 12.09.2022 10.10.2022 07.11.2022 05.12.2022	Veggie Burger in a Brioche Bun with Herb Diced Potatoes, Cucumber Sticks and Tomato Ketchup Fresh Cream Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce	Turkey Meatballs with Tomato & Courgette Risotto with Cauliflower Falafels with Tomato & Courgette Risotto with Cauliflower Flapjack	Crispy Potato Topped Lamb and Lentil Rogan Josh with Green Beans and Naan Bread Crispy Potato Topped Aubergine and Lentil Rogan Josh with Green Beans and Naan Bread Pineapple Sticks	Chicken and Squash Wholewheat Pasta Bake with Mozzarella Topping, Broccoli and Garlic Bread Spinach, Butterbean & Squash Wholewheat Pasta Bake with Mozzarella Topping, Broccoli & Garlic Bread Natural Peach & Vanilla Yoghurt	MSC Pollock Fish Fingers with Mashed Potato and Baked Beans* Vegetable Fingers with Mashed Potato and Baked Beans* Fresh Fruit Salad
Week 3 19.09.2022 17.10.2022 14.11.2022 12.12.2022	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans* and Cheddar Cheese Blueberry Muffin	Chicken, Carrot & Coconut Curry with Rice, Broccoli and Naan Bread Chick Pea, Carrot and Coconut Curry with Rice, Broccoli and Naan Bread Cheddar Cheese & Cream Crackers	"Beef Cheeseburger" Wholewheat Penne Pasta Bake, Sweetcorn and Garlic Bread "Mushroom and Cannellini Bean Cheeseburger" Wholewheat Pasta Bake, Sweetcorn and Garlic Bread Fresh Natural Strawberry Yoghurt	Pulled Ham Hock Cauliflower Cheese with Roast Potatoes and Peas Cherry Tomato Cauliflower Cheese with Roast Potatoes and Peas Fresh Fruit Salad	MSC Breaded Pollock Fillet with Herb Diced Potatoes, Green Beans & Tomato Ketchup Vegetable Fingers with Herb Diced Potatoes, Green Beans & Tomato Ketchup Watermelon Wedges
Week 4 26.09.2022 24.10.2022 21.11.2022 19.12.2022	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges and Peas Flapjack	Butcher's Pork Sausage with Mashed Potato and Baked Beans* Vegetable Sausage with Mashed Potato and Baked Beans* Pineapple Sticks	Chicken and Vegetable Casserole with a Cheesy Diced Potato Topping with Green Beans Lentil and Vegetable Casserole with a Cheesy Diced Potato Topping with Green Beans Fresh Fruit Salad	Mexican Beef Chili with Rice, Sweetcorn and Tortilla Chips Mexican Mixed Bean Chili with Rice, Sweetcorn and Tortilla Chips Strawberry Jelly	MSC Mackerel Mac 'n' Cheese with Carrots and Garlic Bread Cherry Tomato Mac 'n' Cheese with Carrots and Garlic Bread Fresh Natural Mango Yoghurt

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(Subject to availability)

MSC - Approved by the Marine Stewardship Council

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Bread and Fresh Salad is available every day

A reminder to all our families that we are a 'Nut free' School. Please ensure packed lunches are checked carefully for all products placed in packed lunch boxes, thank you.



PE Timetable – Autumn Term – Our children will be starting their PE lessons from Monday 12th September; on the day they are scheduled to have PE they can come into school in their PE kits and remain in their PE kits for the day.

Day	AM	PM
Monday	Reception	Y6
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Y5	Y2
Thursday		Y1
Friday	Y4	Y3



We will be taking part in this year's Jeans for Genes Day on **Thursday 22nd September**. 1 in 25 children have a genetic disorder that makes their life very difficult. Simply by wearing our jeans and donating, we will change the lives of these children. All children and staff are invited to wear their jeans and any other denim on **Thursday 22nd September 2022**. The children do not need to wear uniform on this day. We'd like everyone to take part so please send your child into school on the day wearing their jeans. Class teachers will be carrying out some activities related to this charity with our children on the day.

The 'Jeans for Genes Day' organisation have a series of powerful films to explain how your child's donation will make a difference. Each film provides a compelling and personal insight, introducing some amazing children living with genetic disorders, sharing first-hand what life is like with their condition. Please visit [Find out more about our work and how your money makes a real difference \(jeansforgenes.org\)](https://jeansforgenes.org) for more information and to view these films.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Student Leadership Team

As we begin our new school year, it is time to set up our new Civitas leadership team. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Civitas children to have their voice heard and to share their opinions. If your child is interested in a leadership role, please complete a letter (Max 100 words) explaining why you would make a good leader and explain why you would be perfect for the role. Please hand your letter to your class teacher or email your class emails no later than 16th September 2022.

Student Leadership Team

We want to set up a student leadership team in order to promote the pupil voice at Civitas Academy. All members will be role models and be Ready, Respectful and safe. Meetings will be once a month.



Read the job descriptions below. If you would like to apply for one of these roles, please email or hand in a letter (max 100 words) to your class teacher explaining why you should be chosen. Entries by 16th Sept. Voting will take place week beginning 19th Sept.

School Council

- One child per class
- Whole school decision making and problem solving.
 - Develop personal and leadership skills.
 - Express points of view constructively.
 - Passionate about improving our school.

EcoWarrior

- One child per year group
- Develop personal skills
 - Willingness to improve and care for the environment
 - Monitor recycling, water and electricity usage at school.

E-Safety Ambassador

- One child per year
- Understand the importance of E-safety
 - Passion for online learning.
 - Organise events for the whole school

House Captain

- Year 5 children only
- Passionate about PE
 - Team motivator
 - Develop personal qualities
 - Support Mr Khaliq with competitions.

11B411 Ambassador

- One child per year
- Develop personal skills
 - Adventurous and thinks creatively.
 - Whole school decision making.
 - Organise events for school and our community.

Librarian

- Four per year group KS2 only
- Develop personal skills
 - Passion for reading.
 - Identify and label Accelerated Reader books
 - Care for the learning environment

Art Ambassador

- One child per year
- Passion for Art
 - Develop personal skills
 - Organise events for the whole school

Attendance – Our overall school target for the year is 97% - let's work together to be in school everyday. Each week we will share attendance for each Year group for that week.

Year Group	9/9	16/9	23/9	30/09	08/10	14/10	21/10
Reception							
Year 1	82.4						
Year 2	96.4						
Year 3	83.8						
Year 4	88.1						
Year 5	92.0						
Year 6	96.5						

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

What a lovely start we had in Reception! We are very proud of how resilient the children have been settling into class. We have been focusing on helping the children to settle into class and learn the class routines. While we have not started our 'formal' teaching yet, we have been reading stories, sang some songs, playing in all the different areas and have been discussing our class rules to make sure the children keep safe. Today was also the first time the children had lunch at school, and it was great to see how lovely they were able to form a line already to walk to the lunch hall together. We are also happy to welcome Miss Constantinescu, who started as an LSA in Elmer class this week.

Key Stage 1

We would like to introduce new members of staff to the key stage 1 team. Miss Cole is the class teacher in Matilda class. She has loved getting to know the children so far this week. Miss Robinson is a Schools Direct student supporting Mrs Aram in BFG class. Mrs De Souza is now a HLTA supporting EYFS, KS1 and Year 3.



Miss Cole – Year 2 Matilda Miss Robinson – Year 2 BFG

Year 1:

Year 1 have started settling in well this week. They are beginning to learn the new routines of the day, develop some independence with finding resources and getting their home things by themselves. In Maths, we are building upon learning in EYFS by sorting and counting objects. In English, we have started reading the book Beegu and the children have already started remembering words, phrases and actions from the story. In art, we have been learning about different colours and finding these around the room.



Year 2:

Year 2 have loved being back at school. In maths, they are starting with place value to 100. They are using resources to show the tens and ones of different numbers. In English, they are using the book 'Angus Rides the Goods Train' to write a narrative. They have identified the features of a narrative and listened carefully to the story to see if what happened matched their predictions. They have started the book 'George's Marvellous Medicine' for their whole class reading text. Their English books links to their global learning theme 'Identity and Diversity'. See if your child can retell one of the stories they have done so far this week.

Key Stage 2

Year 3:

Mrs Fuchs and Miss Fitchett have been delighted to see how enthusiastic everyone is to start Year 3. We have had a great start to the new school Year and it has been lovely to welcome some new faces too.

This week the children have been doing lots of 'get to know the teacher' activities, they really enjoyed the teacher quiz where they had to guess information about their new teacher.

In English we have been working on our presentation and re-capping some important key features of our writing. In math's we have been looking at place value and partitioning numbers, we have enjoyed using the math's resources to support our learning. Today's science lesson

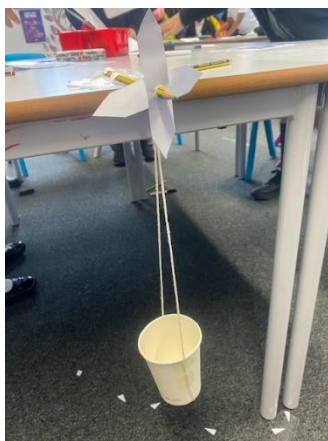
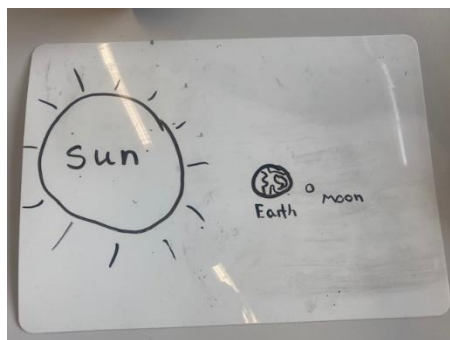
was interesting for us all as we learnt about the difference between light and dark. We closed all of the blinds in the class and turned off the lights to see how our windows provide us with such a great light source. We have started guided reading lessons of the Iron Man, where we started learning how to use a dictionary.

Year 4:

Mrs Hargrave Hammond and Mr Williams have been very impressed with how ready all the year 4 children have returned to school ready to learn, after their summer holidays! This term in Humanities, we are going to be learning about Peace and Conflict and comparing the United Kingdom to other countries within Europe. We will also be looking at how the Roman Empire had a huge impact on modern day Britain. In maths we have started our place value unit where the children are getting back into the swing of working with numbers and are re-capping working with ones, tens, hundreds and thousands. In English we have read our new book, 'The day war came' which is all about a young girl who had to leave her own country due to the outbreak of war. We will be writing a narrative and have investigated these features. Over the next week, we will be investigating the features of a narrative to help us write our own! Our whole class reading book this half term is The Abominables and we will be looking at Sound during our Science lessons.

Year 5:

A very warm welcome to all our new starters. Staff-wise, we welcome Miss Burr (teacher of Avery class) and Ms Essien who joins us as a Learning Support Assistant. This term our Global Learning theme is Sustainable Development; we've recapped our previous learning and cannot wait to get started as we will be producing a public announcement. In maths we learnt our Roman numerals up to 1,000 and heard a very catchy tune! We've also been recognising numbers up to 1 million. In English, we've started to read The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind and will be building up to writing a diary entry in a couple of weeks. We were so excited to start the topic with a wind power challenge – look at what we produced!!



Our new science topic is Earth and Space. This week we learnt that the Earth, Sun and Moon are spherical in shape along with their relative sizes. We feel very proud of all the children who have returned to school ready to learn and have demonstrated their best versions.

Don't forget to check our Class Pages (on our website) which give the Curriculum Overview and Home Learning Ideas for the Autumn term. If you have any further questions, we are contactable on our year group email year5@civitasacademy.co.uk.

Year 6:

Miss Frain, Miss Taylor and Mrs. Wareham would like to welcome all the new Year 6 students this week and would like to say a massive well done for coming back calmly and ready to learn!

This term our Global Learning topic is Peace and Conflict where we are learning about the British Empire and parts of the world. In English we have read our new book – The Lion and the Unicorn and are investigating what it was like to be an evacuee in the war.

The whole class reading will start next week with our book Goodnight, Mr. Tom and continue our topic on Light in Science. As this is the first week back, we have been getting settled and starting our new responsibilities in Year 6.



News items from this week

Allergies and Medication – Please make sure that if your child suffers from any allergies or receives any medication, you have informed the office team. Any medication bought into school needs to be signed off by the office and a form completed and signed by the parent/carer.

Contacting Class teachers – If you have a query and would like to contact your child’s class teacher, please see the relevant emails below. Absence reporting still needs to be done via office@civitasacademy.co.uk

Reception: earlyyears@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 1: year1@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 2: year2@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 3: year3@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 4: year4@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 5: year5@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 6: year6@civitasacademy.co.uk

Bike/Scooter shed –Our bike/scooter storage shed is available at school; these will be left at the owner's risk. We advise all children travelling to school on Bikes/Scooters to be wearing a helmet.

Thursday 22nd September	Jeans for Genes Day – Non-uniform
Friday 30th September	REAch2 Colourun Event
Monday 17th – Friday 21st Oct	Y6 Residential Week
Wednesday 19th October	Wellbeing Wednesday
Friday 21st October	Last day of Autumn 1 term

