## WEATHERFIELD ACADEMY

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#### Dear Parent/Carers

#### Christmas Lunch & Panto Reminder

We are continuing to plan for our whole school trip to the Grove Theatre on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December to see Beauty & the Beast and our Christmas Lunch when we return back to school. This is one of our annual events and we would like to thank Happy Days Charity, whose kind donation to the Academy has made this whole school event possible.

#### Trips & Educational Experiences

This week, our Key Stage 5 semi-formal learners have visited the Post Office Sorting Centre to see how it works and experience the number of different jobs they have.

#### Safeguarding

We have recently had a visit from the Local Authority to review our developments with Safeguarding Processes. We are happy to report that we continue to make good progress and welcome the support we are receiving. If you have any safeguarding concerns or queries, please make contact with us via your child's tutor in the first instance. Please find attached two flyers from Local Authorities signposting support and guidance if needed.

#### Disabilities in Action – Football Sessions

Please find attached a flyer regarding Inclusive Football Sessions held every Sunday at Venue 360. Please see the flyer for more information and booking details.

#### Relaxed Panto Performance - Treasure Island

Please find attached details of a 'relaxed panto performance' of Treasure Island on January 9th at the Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre. Further details and booking information are available on the flyers attached.

Yours sincerely

Mr L Meenan Head of School

#### Dates for your Diaries

Tues 10th Dec - Whole School Trip to The Grove Theatre to see Beauty & the Beast

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 17th Dec – Celebration Service at St Mary's Church, Dunstable

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - End of Term - Break up for Christmas

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> January – Pupils return to the Academy

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# **Helping families**







It's common for parents to have disagreements from time to time. But arguments that happen a lot, get really heated, and aren't resolved well can have a long-lasting impact on children.

Children who witness harmful arguments may develop behaviour problems, feel more depressed or anxious, and struggle in school and with friendships. These issues can continue into adulthood, affecting their relationships, job prospects, and mental health.

The whole family can benefit if parents and carers seek support for strong, unresolved arguments.

Turn over to find out about the support we can offer to help parents and carers learn effective communication techniques and develop strategies for resolving conflicts in a respectful manner

A great place to live and work.

## How we can help parents in

## Central Bedfordshire and Luton

We offer two free face-to-face courses designed to help parents enhance their relationships and manage arguments better.

**Managing Healthy Relationships** is a two-part workshop that will help parents and carers identify how arguments start within relationships, what can make arguments escalate and explore healthy ways to manage disagreements.

**Keeping Your Child in Mind** is a four-week course developed by experts in child psychology. It will help parents and carers understand how conflict in the family can impact children and help find better ways to manage disagreements.

Parents can use **The Little Book of Relationship Care** to read through and complete the activities in their own time. The book is a practical guide designed to help people understand why they argue and how they can reconnect and navigate their arguments in a more constructive way.

To find out more about the courses or to take part, or to get a copy of The Little Book of Relationship Care, get in touch with your local children's centre or Flying Start Centre.



Scan to find your local Flying Start Centre



## Inclusive Football Sessions

**Every Sunday at** 

Venue 360, Gipsy Lane, Luton, LU1 3JH



£8 per session

## 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Beginner session, including basic ball skills, gross motor skills and small sided games.

## 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Intermediate session, including ball mastery, technical drills and small sided games.

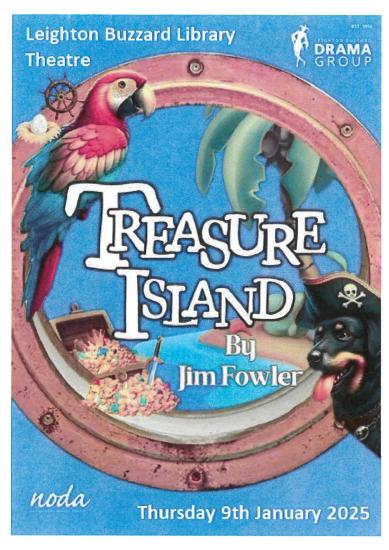
For booking information please contact Martin Samm at

info@disabilityinaction.co.uk

## After 6 sessions you will receive:

Personalised training top including your name and choice of number on the back





## Panto Relaxed Performance from LB Drama Group

### Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre, Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.30pm

Ahoy me hearties and welcome aboard the HMS Hispaniola! Travel with our band of pirates while we go searching on the high seas for the hidden treasure! Come and meet Hettie Hawkins, the pub landlord and her son Jim, who is secretly in love with Suzie, while they pitch their wits against the baddest pirate ever, Black Dog and the useless Roger and Dodger!

Will there be laughs a plenty? Oh yes, will there be songs to sing along with? Indeed! Will we find the treasure? Come and find out!

This is our 2nd year of putting on a relaxed performance for those who might find it easier to attend than a regular show. The lights will be left on, the band will play quieter than usual, the doors to the auditorium will be open so that the audience can come and go as they please and the foyer and bar area will be available to use if anyone needs some time out during the show.

We very much look forward to welcoming on board the HMS Hispaniola!

When purchasing Under 16 tickets, your first adult is free!

To get your tickets use the following link: bit.ly/TIRELAX

Alternatively the Library Theatre Box Office is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (10am-12pm) — either in-person (2nd floor) or by calling 0300 300 8125.