

Sun Academy Newsletter



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DIARY DATES

Aspiring author's morning

Wednesday 1st February

Bikeability – Year 6

7-8th February

Year 4 football tournament

Tuesday 7th February

Safer Internet Day

Parent & pupil workshops

Tuesday 7th February

CCSC Football Tournament

Monday 13th February

Inter-school sports competition

Friday 17th February

Half-term Disco

Wednesday 15th February

Half Term:

20th-24th February

Forest schools – Nursery

Tuesday 28th February

World Book Day

2nd March

Easter Holidays:

10th – 21st April

Vision and Values

Thank you very much to all parents who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire online; the results will help us to consider future actions to further improve our academy and strengthen our vision and values. The results were overwhelmingly positive.

The survey provided grading for the various areas it asked about. You told us that our school strengths (outstanding features) were: developing potential; teaching children with special needs; school discipline and school security. Additional features you were particularly happy with were: ensuring children do their best/make progress, tailoring work to children's needs and ability as well as instilling a sense of moral purpose.

The key areas you would like to see improve are reducing the amount of short notice communication and the amount of homework.

At the center of everything we do are our pupils. We are determined to provide them with an outstanding education and ensure they discover their talents and use these to achieve. In order to do this we instill a 'can do' attitude, provide an engaging and enjoyable curriculum and work within and with the local community. If you have any ideas about actions we could take to further improve this please come in and let us know; we would love to work with you so we are a great school.

It is crucial that we continue to communicate effectively with you so that you are aware of activities and initiatives that are taking place. Please do make a note of the diary dates. We do try to give as much notice as possible through the newsletter, school app, letters and text messages. On occasions some events do occur at short notice, we will always text when this happens; we know this isn't ideal and try to avoid this whenever we can.

If ever you have a concern, please come and talk to us. The first port of call is your child's class teacher; please refer to the class leaflets for each year group's drop in evening.

Mrs Bobbie Caisley

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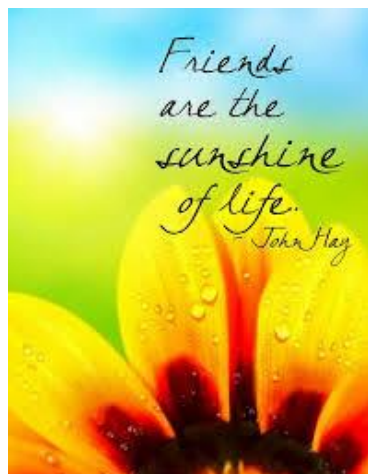
Would you like to be part of our vision for the future success of the school?

Could you dedicate a few hours a term to both support and challenge the school to ensure improvements?

If the answer to the above is 'yes' then have you thought about becoming one of our parent governors?

We currently have two vacancies for this role and welcome applications for the post.

Detailed information and application forms are available from the school office.



Safer Internet Day Tuesday 7th February

As part of our curriculum that teaches our children to be safe, we will be taking part in Safer Internet Day next Tuesday.

Our digital leaders will be taking workshops with each class to teach them about e-safety and what to do if they have any concerns whilst using electronic communication.

As part of the learning, parents are invited to join their children for a workshop which will improve everyone's understanding. This will take place on Tuesday 7th February from 1pm to 3pm.

If you wish to join your child and attend the event please return the slip on the information letter.

For parental advice on e-safety why not look at the following link:
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/resources-parents>

A screenshot of the Safer Internet Day website, showing a video player with the title 'Parents and Carers' and a thumbnail image of a woman and a child looking at a tablet.

World Book Day Thursday 2nd March

Over the years, many parents and children have expressed a desire to dress up on World Book Day, so this year, we are going to use the theme of 'Where's Wally?' If you can dress as Wally or Wendy that would be super. If not, simply come in non-uniform.

There will be a charge of £1 for the World Book Day and all money raised will go towards purchasing 'interest' books for the school library.

This theme coincides with the celebration of 30 years of 'Where's Wally?'. Sun Academy Bradwell pupils will set off on a hunt to find Wally hidden in and around the school. Children who find Wally will receive an 'I Found Wally' card and school search certificate.



PARKING

Over the last few weeks, the parking outside school has got progressively worse and is causing a considerable hazard and danger to our pupils.

There have been a number of incidents which include a hit and run (a parent hit a number of cars and drove off), residents being verbally abused and cars reversing as children are crossing the road.

This is unacceptable and if it continues it will only be a matter of time until someone will be seriously hurt.

**PLEASE PARK
CAREFULLY AND
CONSIDER OUR
CHILDREN.**



Half-Term Disco
15th February
3:30 - 4:30pm (EYFS & KS1)
4:45 - 5:45pm (KS2)
**£2.50 includes
refreshments.**
Please book via ParentPay



PTFA FUNDRAISING ALLOWS NEW SCHOOL LOCKERS

Thanks to the fundraising that takes place within school and that you as parents support, we are able to undertake projects that will benefit the children in a variety of ways.

Mr. MacDonald recently polled the school council about an initiative *they* would like to see take place. There was an overwhelming request for more school lockers that would benefit many over the coming years.

I am pleased to tell you that thanks to funds raised we have been able to order new lockers (at a cost of £3,000) for the children.

In the current financial climate, this is something we couldn't do without your support. Thank you so very much.

If you are interested in joining our fundraising committee, please come along to our next meeting on Friday 10th February at 9am at the breakfast club.

Attendance Policy

Sun Academy Bradwell encourages all pupils to attend school regularly and ensure both pupils and parents understand the importance of good attendance and punctuality in the development of character and resilience.

Key aspects that all parents should be aware of in the case of absences are:

- A late mark is given after 9:00am.
- After 9:30 a late is recorded as an unauthorised absence.
- Absence is to be reported as soon as possible (call or text) and followed up with a written letter.
- Absences of 10 sessions (5 days) will not be authorised unless medical verification is provided (e.g. appointment card, prescription counter foil, doctors note or packaging for medication)
- Holidays during term time **WILL NOT** be authorized.
- At **ANY** point during an absence the EWO may visit in order to satisfy safeguarding regulations.

These procedures are put into place to ensure all our children receive the best support possible.

Should you have any queries please speak to your class teacher or a member of the senior leadership team.

Academy Policies can be found on the school website.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We always aim to offer a wide range of clubs, run by school staff and by outside providers.

Unfortunately, due to a poor take up of the spring clubs many had to be cancelled. We can only afford to run these clubs if enough people sign up to them.

If you have suggestions for clubs that you would attend then let Miss Phillips know.



Lunchtime Supervisors

We extend a warm welcome to our new lunchtime staff that have joined our team recently.

Mr Ledger, Mrs Burton, Mrs Ball and Miss Baddeley will be working with Mr Edwards and Mrs Lavin to ensure the smooth running and enjoyable activities at lunchtime.

POPPY APPEAL



Thank you to all who bought a poppy as part of the poppy appeal.

We have received a certificate to let us know that the school raised £159.28 for the appeal.



Collect your Active Kids vouchers at Sainsbury's and hand them in at school so we can buy some fabulous equipment. Equipment purchased from this scheme will be used to boost lunchtime activities.

PE KIT

Our school PE kit consists of:
White t-shirt (with logo)
Black Shorts/tracksuit bottoms
Trainers

Blue bottoms are acceptable for this year whilst we make the changes to the colour.



CAREERS WEEK

It is never too early to start dreaming about our future aspirations and how we want to contribute to our communities when we get older.

On the week starting 13th March, Sun Academy will be holding a careers week for children to find out more about different opportunities open to them. We will have many guest speakers and some fun and engaging activities to give the children a taste of working life.

If you would like to get involved and think you can enthuse our children with your career choice let us know. We'd love you to join us.

MIND BLOWING MATHS

Our next mind blowing maths session on problem solving for ALL year groups will be on:

Wednesday 22nd March 2017

9:30 – 10:30am.



If your child is off school ill – please either leave a message on the school voicemail, text or call no later than 9.30am. A written letter should be sent in on your child's return