

# Sun Academy Newsletter



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## DIARY DATES

### Forest schools – Year 6

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

School meals – BBQ day!

### Father's Day Big Breakfast

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

### Nursery & Reception Class assembly

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

### Aspiring authors

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

### Enterprise week

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 30<sup>th</sup>  
June

### KS2 Summer Show

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2pm & 6pm

### EYFS/KS1 Summer Show

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2pm & 6pm

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 results afternoon/evening

### Summer Fair

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 11am – 1pm

Dear Parents,

Where has this academic year gone? Time has flown and it is hard to believe we are already in the last half term of the school year. School is a hive of activity as children rehearse for concerts, prepare for end of year assessments and generally engage with their learning to the full. This week has seen lessons being observed and I am proud to say our children are lucky to have such excellent teachers.

**Homework:** We are currently reviewing our homework policy to ensure it covers the core learning and basic skills that are needed to establish firm foundations. We want to make sure that additional home learning is fun and should stem from personal interests and levels of enthusiasm. We believe that 'traditional' style homework frequently serves to 'put children off learning' and often causes rows at home!! For this reason, for the rest of this academic year, we are asking that you focus on reading every night, practicing the weekly spellings and learn it additions and multiplications. We will inform you of our updated homework policy before the end of term ready for the next academic year.

**Uniform:** Over the last two years our pupils have looked smarter than ever and wear their uniform with pride. This sets the tone for an organised and orderly academy. Recently a few children have attended without their school tie or with trainers. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform so that they too are smart and tidy. Can I also remind you that we do not permit nail varnish and ask that all hair that sits below the collar is tied back. Your continued support with this is greatly appreciated.

**Diary dates:** Dates for the diary are placed on the school APP and website during the main holidays ready for the following term. Whilst we try to make this list as comprehensive as possible there are times when we have some events at shorter notice. As soon as these events are decided on we also add these to the app and send a text and where appropriate a leaflet. Please take a look at the diary dates so you are fully informed of most events for the rest of this half term.

Mrs B Caisley  
Principal





## SPORTS DAYS

### EYFS /KEY STAGE 1:

**Date: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

**Time: 9:30am**

**Reserve date: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**Time: 9:30am**

### KEY STAGE 2:

**Date: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

**Time: 9:30am**

**Reserve date: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**Time: 9:30am**

Our sports day is always a super opportunity for children to show their sporting abilities and enjoy a range of physical challenges.

Parents are welcome to join us and enjoy the activities. We do ask that for safety reasons parents do not cross over the field to their child.

All children will be provided with drinks and an ice pop on the day.

Refreshments will be available for observers.



## Y6 Results evening

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**3:30pm & 6:00pm**

The Year 6 (end of key stage 2 ) SATs results are released to schools on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

We would like to invite Year 6 parents to a results evening on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** where we will explain how the results are presented and what they mean.

At the meeting, your child's results will be handed to you and you will have an opportunity to ask any questions relating to the assessments.

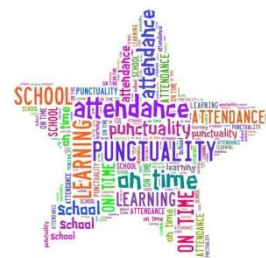
We look forward to seeing the year 6 parents at the meeting and sharing in our pupils' successes.



## PUPIL REPORTS

All of our pupils will receive a written report at the end of the academic year. This report will inform you of their achievements this academic year and the progress they have made in english, maths and science.

The reports will be sent out to parents in the final week of term.



## Attendance

We actively encourage all our pupils to develop lifelong habits of outstanding attendance and punctuality and reward those with these attributes accordingly.

We set an annual target for attendance. In 2016-2017 our target for the whole school is to reach at least 96%

Here's how we are doing so far:

**Whole school: 96.3%**

Reception: 95.4%

Year 1: 96.8%

Year 2: 96.8%

Year 3: 96.1%

Year 4: 95.3%

Year 5: 97.3%

Year 6: 96.6%

We are achieving our target. Let's see if we can smash ot and reach at least 97% by the end of the academic year.



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.

# The Sentinel

## 1 minute silence

As a school, we hold dear British Values and the recent atrocities have made us all take stock of the importance of community and caring for others.

Sun Academy Bradwell are committed to supporting our children and ensuring that they have a sound understanding of the world and that that we guide them during difficult times.

We have taken part in both 1 minute silences to reflect on and honour those who were killed during the terrorist attacks.

The sentinel was in school on the day of the first one minute silence for different reasons. However they asked if they could observe us undertaking the one minute silence. We believed they were taking pictures of the event but it turns out it was videoed. Obviously this was not planned and therefore we did not have time to inform you.

Our children and staff were a credit to the school and I was extremely proud that our community could see our setting considering others and caring about those who died.

Some parents have voiced concerns on social media. I implore those with concerns to come and talk to us rather than demean the efforts we make in a public and detrimental way.

All children on the video have been given written permission for use of images and video in the media. Those without permission

were kept out of sight. Should you wish to change your permissions please come and let us know immediately as we would never willingly go against your wishes regarding your child and what we allow to be seen about them.

Can I also thank all of you who have praised the school at this time and appreciated the community spirit and ethos which we believe in.

Our Invacuation procedures have been updated in light of the current climate and state of alert. Pupils and staff will be practicing this procedure over the coming weeks. The procedure can be found on our school website and APP.



Thank you to all the pupils/parents who supported the school disco to help raise money for the PTFA.

Funds raised have previously helped us purchase such items as the KS1 play area, new lockers for KS2,

Mr MacDonald will canvas our school council to discuss what they would like to raise money towards which they feel will most benefit them. We will let you know what they came up with!



## Father's Day Big Breakfast

Our Father's day celebration will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 12pm.

Dads, uncles, brothers, Grandads are warmly invited to join us for a Big Breakfast at lunch time!

The cost of an adult meal is £3.00 and a child's meal is £2.50; these can be paid for via parentpay.

The event will take place during the school day only. Please remember our staff have families also and we want them to have precious time with their loved ones too.



## Year 3 Dance Infuse Dance Company

A huge well done to year 3 for their truly amazing and goosebumps inducing dance production which was performed before the half term.

Year 3 can truly say they brought their parents, teachers and Principal to tears! You were FABULOUS!