

# Sun Academy Newsletter



**Sun Academy  
Bradwell**

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## DIARY DATES

### School closes for half term

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

### School re-opens for pupils

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

### Year 5 Chesterton High Open Day

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

### World Book Day

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

### EYFS Quality Assurance Day

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

### Mother's Day concerts

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

1:30pm and 5:30pm

### British Science Week

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March –

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March

### Sports relief – Dancethon!

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

### Easter Service at St Barnabas

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 9:30am

Parents welcome

### World Autism Week

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March –

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

### Intra-school sports day

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

### Easter Disco

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

### Last day of school

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

### Return to school

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April

How time flies when you are having fun! At Sun Academy Bradwell, we have had a fabulous first half to the spring term. With lots of golden moments that make me proud to be part of the team.

Official data now published for 2017 was very positive with progress and attainment in reading being exceptional. Our combined scores in reading, writing and maths means that within Staffordshire we are ranked number 15. This is fabulous and shows how super our pupils are. Better still, our ranking was higher than any other local school. Well done to the children.

The local authority also contacted our school to ask to do a review of our Special Needs Offer because of the outstanding progress (we are in the top quartile for performance compared to national averages) our SEND pupils make. The review was hugely successful and the professional evaluating our provision was very complimentary and not at all surprised we get the results we do. Again – well done to all the staff and pupils.

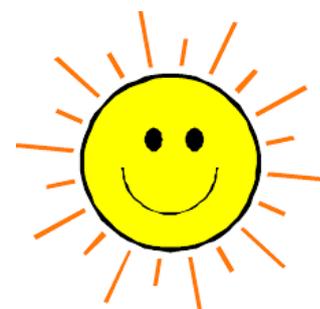
We are now waiting for our next Ofsted inspection. We are in an incredibly strong position and I know all our children get a quality first education with us. We have tremendous support from you as parents, our curriculum is broad, balanced and instils a love of learning and we have superb top class teacher. I can't wait to show the inspection team our great school and sincerely hope they see for themselves how much we deserve a positive and enhanced outcome. Goodness know – your children deserve it!

I wish you all a very happy half term, I hope you all have some well-deserved family time. School re-opens on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and I look forward to the safe return of all our sunbeams!

Mrs Caisley

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## Mother's Day Concerts

On **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**, we would like to invite all mums, nans, aunties and friends to our Mother's Day concerts at **1:30pm** and **5:30pm**

All children will be performing in the concert and treating those special to them to a musical and performance delight.

Tickets for the concert will be £2.00 each (via parentpay). All those that attend will receive a special gift to celebrate this special time.

Like our Christmas and Summer concerts, we will be asking pupils to stay in-between the two performances and so an afternoon packed tea will be needed. A more detailed letter will come out closer to the time.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us in these celebrations.



## Letter from Minister of State for School Standards The Rt Hon Nick Gibb congratulates Sun Academy Bradwell

I am so pleased to tell you that our school has received a letter from the Minister of State for School Standards, Nick Gibb MP, congratulating us on our achievements in reading. I have included the letter below for your information. This is such an accolade and I want to thank all staff for their hard work, but more so, thank you, to all pupils for their resourcefulness in their learning and to you as parents for the endless support you give us which enhances our teaching in this area.



**Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**  
Minister of State for School Standards

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29 January 2018

Dear Mrs Caisley,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's very high standard of achievement in reading in the 2017 key stage 2 assessments.

Your school's results, as published on 14 December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading at the end of key stage 2. This means that your school is in the top 1% of primary schools in England for achievement in reading.

We want to ensure that every child has the necessary fluency in reading to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this to all your pupils.

Thank you for your hard work and professionalism in producing such high standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

**Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**

### BREAKFAST CLUB – OPEN from 8:25am

Come and enjoy a wide range of breakfast items to start the day off.

Toast	20p	Waffles	30p	All drinks (apple, orange, blackcurrant, tropical summer fruits, milkshakes)	30p
Pancakes	30p	Cheesy Oatcakes	50p	Ad hoc items range from 30p to £1	
Crumpets	30p	Pikelets	20p		
Bagels	30p	Chocolate crepes	30p		



Another half term of developing a love of learning. a can do attitude and celebrating our wider community.





## School uniform

We are very proud of the way in which our pupils present themselves at school in their uniform. Thank you very much for your support and commitment to this.

I would just like to remind you of a few key points regarding our uniform.

- All children should be in black school shoes. Pupils arriving in trainers will be asked to change into pumps.
- From year 1 upwards pupils should be in a shirt AND Tie. Only EYFS wear polo shirts
- Large bows and glittery head bands are not allowed. Please stick to small functional hair grips/slides and preferably in black, grey or burgundy.
- Please wear the school jumper with the logo. Red and burgundy alternatives stand out adversely.



## Y6 personal study sessions

Our year 6 personal study session begin when we return to school.

Thank you to all the pupils who have returned their attendance slip. Revision books have now been ordered ready for the first day back.

We STRONGLY advise all year 6 pupils attend these sessions. They will help with study of the areas the children need to improve in as well as teaching them study skills for their future education.

If you haven't managed to return your form but would still like to be involved, then please e-mail me at [principal@sunacademy.attrust.org.uk](mailto:principal@sunacademy.attrust.org.uk) so we can order the books.

WE have high expectations of our pupils who deserve to reach their potential and succeed in their learning.



From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, will be taking part in British science week.

Children will undertake lots of experiments and investigations during the week to broaden and strengthen their skills and knowledge in this area.

We will kick the week off with a wow day so be prepared for some fabulous mad scientists to be on the door in the morning!!



## Attendance and Absence information

Did you know:

If your child's attendance is **below 90%** then they are classed as being **persistently absent**.

If your child is persistently absent, we will ask for **medical proof before authorising** any further absences.

If your child has had **10 days unauthorised** absence or is **late 10 times** over a twelve week period, you may receive a **penalty warning** notice and also **potentially a fine**.

From 1 January 2018 **ANY** period of **unauthorised leave for holidays** may result in you as a parent receiving a penalty notice fine. This is £60 per child, per adult. It is the school policy to issue the penalty notice fines.