

Sun Academy Newsletter



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DIARY DATES

Black History Week

Week commencing 12th
October 2015.

Harvest Celebrations

Wednesday 14th September.
Parents are invited to join us
for song, poems and prayers to
celebrate the harvest.

Half Term

Last day for children Friday 23rd
October. Children return
Tuesday 3rd November

Kinetic Theatre

The Kinetic Theatre company
will perform a science play
aimed at teaching all our
children about electricity.

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Academy Improvement Priorities

Following on from the success of the 2015 results, we are determined to ensure our school continues to make progress and improve in the provision we provide.

This academic year, the key priorities for improvement will be:

- consistently challenges all pupils, particularly the most able, so that they engage in their learning;
- provide pupils with more opportunities to use and apply their mathematical skills to problem solving situations;
- to strengthen the strategies we use to improve progress and raise attainment for disadvantaged pupils; and
- to teach a structured progression of spelling skills which children can apply in their writing.

Our Improvement director, Pat Hunt, will work with the school to ensure we have appropriate training and make good progress within these key areas.

We also value your feedback, ideas and suggestions on ways in which we can improve. We will continue to hold parent forums and post surveys on the school app. Most of all we value those face to face conversations that take place with yourselves and encourage you to continue to support and engage with the school.

Early year's Good level of development:

- Expected – 67%
- Exceeding – 29%

Year 1 phonic screening:

- 84%

Key stage 1:

	Level 2b+	Level 3
Reading	87%	40%
Writing	83%	20%
Maths	87%	33%

Key stage 2: Attainment

	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
Reading	97%	58%	
Writing	94%	39%	
GPS	97%	70%	9%
Maths	94%	55%	3%

Progress

	Expected progress	More than expected progress
Reading	100%	52%
Writing	97%	36%
Maths	100%	52%



Golden ticket winners

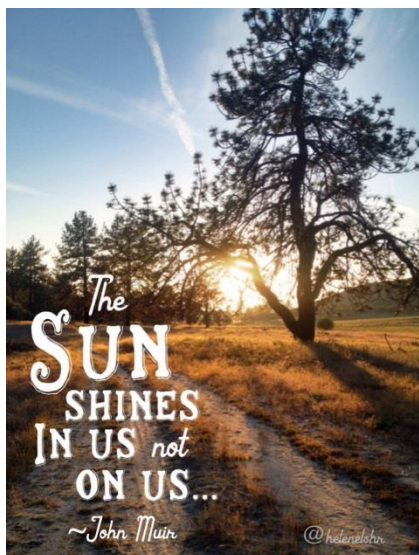
Last Thursday we encouraged as many of you as possible to try the new school dinners.

We had a great turn out for school meals that day and I would like to think the children told you how much better the meals are now.

As advertised, we gave every child a golden ticket that day and the prizes were drawn in Friday's awards assembly.

Well done to the winners:
3rd Place – Aidan Holland
2nd Place – Dominik Kucera
1st Place – Kyle Kent

We hope the winners enjoy their chocolate prizes.



Have you seen this scooter?

Last week, this scooter was taken from the school premises and has not been returned.

The scooter was a birthday present for one of our children and as you can imagine they are very upset that it has been taken.

If you know of it's whereabouts or have mistakenly taken it would you please let us know. We would like to make a young boys day and reunite him with his birthday present.

Sponsored walk/run

Last Wednesday saw the whole school taking part in a sponsored walk/run in order to raise funds towards our annual year 6 residential trip.

THANK YOU very much to all of the pupils who took part and have raised money. This will greatly reduce the £144 it costs to benefit from this experience.

The school will also subsidise and reduce the cost through the use of the sports premium money and the fundraising will bring this cost down even further.

Please send in any money raised by Friday 16th October 2015. We will let you know how much was raised.



Holiday requests

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Holidays during term time.

You have to get permission from the Principal if you want to take your child out of school during term time.

You can only do this if:

- you make an application to the principal in advance (as a parent the child normally lives with)
- there are **EXCEPTIONAL** circumstances

Legislation issued in February 2015 now dictates that you may **be fined** if your child has 10 sessions (five days) of unauthorised absence. The period for calculating the ten sessions will be based on the previous three school terms.

There is no longer a requirement that attendance drops below a certain level – you can be fined irrespective of overall attendance.





It's all academic!

It's been a busy few weeks and the children are all settled into their learning. Here's just a few snaps of our academy at work.



Academy APP

Our academy app can now be downloaded. Diary dates, interesting news, policies and a gallery can be viewed on this.



Black History Week

This week all our pupils will be delving deeper into black history. Each class will be researching a black personality in history and considering the impact they have on our lives now.

During our awards assembly on Friday (16th October), selected children will present their learning to the rest of the school.

Parents are welcome to join us for the assembly. You could nip into the parent's breakfast club afterwards to enjoy refreshments.



Academy Ambassadors

As part of Sun Academy Bradwell, we enjoy many of the privileges of joining in with initiatives run by Academy Transformation Trust. As part of this the trust asks us to elect two pupils to act as Academy Ambassadors.

The role of the Trust Ambassador includes:

- Voice of the Trust
- Voice of the pupils in our academy
- Promoting key topics in our academy (e.g. E-safety etc.)
- Supporting the Trust with Trust wide competitions throughout the year
- Support and reporting on The Trust Pupil Awards (3rd December)

I am pleased to inform you all that the two Academy Ambassadors have been chosen this year. Well done to Herbie Farr and Ruby Ellams. You will be excellent in this role.



PTFA disco

The PTFA will be running an end of half term disco for the pupils.

The disco s are on Thursday 22nd October.

A letter will be issued later this week with further details.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Our Harvest service will take place on **Wednesday 14th October 2015** starting at **9:15am**.

Our pupils have been busy preparing their poems, prayers and singing harvest songs.

This year we will be supporting **Arch 'Bread and Butter'** Harvest Time Appeal. Arch is a local charity supporting over 7000 children, young people and adults each year in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire and Cheshire East who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Any donations you can make will be greatly appreciated. Please send them into school by Tuesday 13th October 2015.

Items suitable for donation are:

- Meat (tinned)
- Tuna/Fish (tinned)
- Potatoes (tinned)
- Sugar (500g)
- Fruit Juice (Long life)
- Rice pudding (tinned)
- Fruit (tinned)
- Vegetables (tinned)
- Spaghetti (tinned)
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Breakfast Cereal
- Pasta Sauce (Jar)
- Pasta/Noodles (Dried)
- Tea Bags
- Biscuits

Thank you!