

# Sun Academy Newsletter



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## DIARY DATES

### Aspiring Authors

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

### World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October

### Rocksteady concert

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

### Harvest Celebrations

St Barnabas Church

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 9:30am

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

### Wear it Pink Day: non-uniform

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

### Pumpkin competition deadline

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October

### Half Term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

### INSET day – school closed to pupils

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

### School opens to pupils

### Academy photographers

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

### Bikeability

8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> November

### Anti-Bullying Week

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November

### Children in Need

16<sup>th</sup> November

## Autumn delights

The autumn months are upon us and we are starting to think about the traditional and exciting events that these bring for us at Sun academy Bradwell.



Look through the newsletter and at the diary dates for events we would like you to get involved in as a community. There are many traditional events but a couple of new activities also.

We have had a great start to term, especially with the release of our Ofsted report. We are very pleased that we have finally been acknowledged as a good academy with outstanding features. We are continuing to work, without compromise, to ensure your children receive nothing less than an exceptional education.

Thank you for your continued support, as a team we are truly amazing.

Mrs Bobbie Caisley

## Contact details

Please ensure that all your contact details are up to date. We ask that you let us know about any changes to address, mobile numbers, e-mails and emergency contacts. We require 2 emergency contacts in case the no. 1 is unavailable.

Newsletters are available on the school App, website and e-mailed to parents. Copies are available in the foyer and at breakfast club.



## Sun Academy Bradwell uniform code

We are very proud of our academy and pupils and we want others to see them in the same light.

A smart uniform that is worn properly gives a good impression and shows that the children are part of a proud academic family.

Pupils should wear:

- Maroon V neck sweatshirt or cardigan – **with school logo** (The sweatshirt will have a blue stripe in the neck, cuff and welt; burgundy jumpers are not appropriate)
- Blue and maroon stripe tie (Year 1 to 6) these must be worn.
- White shirt (white polo shirt for Nursery & Reception)
- Charcoal grey trousers/skirt
- Black school shoes - **NO trainers.**

Some parents have experienced difficulties finding Charcoal grey. Please ensure trousers/skirts are grey **not** black.

Please make sure all items, including ties are labelled with your child's name.



## Harvest Service St Barnabas Church

On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October**, we will be having our harvest celebration service a **St Barnabas Church**. The service will begin at **9:30am** and will last for approximately an hour.

All our classes will undertake some form of presentation e.g. a song, poem, prayer. Parents are most welcome to join us for this event and enjoy the children's presentation.

As part of our harvest tradition, we are making an appeal for food items that will then be sent to any nominated families or the Newcastle Staffs food bank

Items donated can include:

- Meat/fish (tinned)
- Potatoes/vegetables (tinned)
- Sugar (500g)
- Rice pudding (tinned)
- Fruit (tinned)
- Spaghetti (tinned)
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Breakfast Cereal
- Pasta Sauce (Jar)
- Pasta/Noodles (Dried)
- Tea Bags
- Biscuits



## Holiday reminder

We DO NOT authorise holidays during term time unless they are classed as having exceptional circumstances. Our attendance policy clearly states that unauthorised holidays will be referred to Staffordshire County Council and penalty fines will be given.



## Pumpkin Contest

This year we are introducing a pumpkin carving competition.

Carve a pumpkin of any size in any design you like and enter it into our competition. The deadline for entries is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

Entries will be displayed on the school stage and winners for each class will be announced on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

We are looking forward to seeing the creative entries our pupils come up with.

## Communication procedures

Do you need to talk to us about your child? Have a worry or concern?

So that our teachers can focus their time on our most important priority (the children and their learning) please follow these procedures.

- Give a message to the Senior Leader on the door
- Ask the school office to pass on a message or for the teacher to call you at their earliest convenience.
- Book an appointment, for a mutually convenient time, with the class teacher
- Call in to see your child's teacher on their drop-in afternoon.

If having followed these procedures you would like further clarification, you can then contact the Head of Academy (Mr Iain MacDonald) and following this the Executive Principal (Mrs Bobbie Caisley)

## Non-Uniform Day Wear it Pink



## Reading homework

All pupils have reading homework each night and we ask you hear your child for a minimum of five minutes and sign their home-academy diaries.

Pupils who haven't read at night will be supported by undertaking five minutes during morning break. You will receive a text for missing home-academy diaries.

We are still using the accelerated reading bandings for home reading books however pupils no longer take the quiz. We now ask that at the end of the book the children complete a book review.

Following analysis of the AR quizzes we found that they were not having an impact on the progress the pupils made. We have therefore decided to use this money to enhance the reading provision and buying more engaging books for the pupils to read.

## Parking

Just a reminder to think carefully about your parking and driving around the Academy.

For the safety of our children, DO NOT park on the pavement nearest to the school.



## Services available

Did you know we can provide some basic services to you as part of our academy community for competitive prices?

### Photocopying:

Black & white copies – 10p a page

Colour copies – 20p a page

### Helium:

We can blow up your helium balloons for 50p a balloon.

### Hall hire:

You can hire our school hall for £20 per hour or £120 per day (9am to 5pm)

If you want further information, please contact the school office.



## Year 6 High School Applications

Applications for high school places must be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. Don't forget to send in your preferences.

**For policies and procedures please refer to our website:**

<http://www.sunacademy.attrust.org.uk/academy-life/policies>