

Sun Academy Newsletter



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DIARY DATES

Golden attendance week
9th – 13th November

Year 5 & 6 Family learning
Wednesday 11th November

Magical maths morning
(Children only)
Wednesday 11th November

Children in Need
Friday 13th November

Anti-bullying week
16th – 20th November

**Power of one: Anti-bullying
show and workshop**
Tuesday 17th November

Anti-bullying parent workshop
Thursday 19th November

Aspiring authors day
(Children only)
Wednesday 25th November

PTFA film night
Thursday 26th November

ATT pupil awards events
Thursday 3rd December

Christmas Fair
Friday 4th December

Welcome back!

It doesn't feel like we have only just come back to school after the half term break. The children have thrown themselves back into their learning and it has filled our school with an energetic buzz. We really do have the most amazing pupils (our sunbeams) and they make all our eyes shine with pride and gratitude.

Reading homework:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience whilst we have implemented the new home reading procedures. I am aware that in the first instance it looked as though children were moving backwards however I hope now it is clear that this is because the focus is now firmly on the comprehension skills not simply how many words can be read. Mr Fennelly has spoken to pupils about their experience of the new systems and whilst they were initially apprehensive they are now clearly enjoying the quizzes (which stretch many of them) and the fact they can take more ownership of their progress through the levels.

Parents' evening:

We will be holding our autumn parents' evening on **Monday 7th December from 2pm to 6pm**. At this meeting we will inform you of your child's strengths, progress and the areas in which they need to improve. Assessment has changed within school now and I will be delivering some information sessions so that parents can get to grips with assessment without levels.

Thank you for your continued support of our academy and therefore our amazing pupils. We all look forward to working with you over the next half term and hope to see you at some of the events.

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Governor update

The deadline for nominations for parent governor is on Wednesday 11th November.

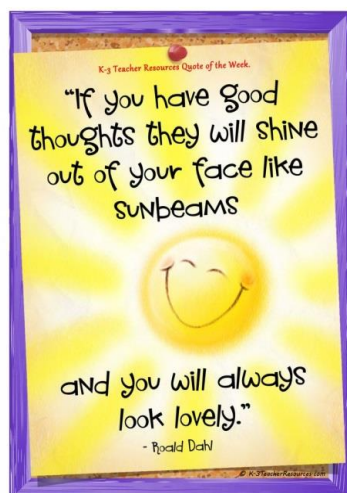
Thank you to parents who have already submitted a nomination; so far we have had four which is a fantastic response.

As there are more than two nominations the position will need to go to a vote. Ballots for the nominees will be issued at the end of the school day on the 11th November and will need to be returned by 9:00am on Wednesday 25th November 2015.

Nominations so far are for:

Mrs Sarah Davies,
Mrs Angela Gough,
Mrs Lindsey Hall, and
Miss Lauren Pakeman

We will keep you updated as soon as we know who has been successful in this process.



GOLDEN

ATTENDANCE WEEK

Next week (9th – 13th November 2015), we will be holding a golden attendance week to raise the profile of good attendance.

Good attendance and punctuality has an impact on your child's learning and chances of success.

Throughout the year we reward good attendance with certificates, badges and a financial reward at the end of the year.

This year we are also introducing a termly golden attendance week to raise the profile of being at school and encourage children to make every effort to be on time and present, after all every second counts!

Next week, any child who attends every day and is on time will receive a raffle ticket. On Friday, there will be a prize draw and three of the 100% attenders will receive a prize.

Any class who attains 100% for the week will also have a games and refreshment afternoon to celebrate their success.

Good luck children!



Anti-bullying week

16th – 20th November 2015

Our pupils will soon be undertaking an anti-bullying week where we will be discussing and undertaking debates surrounding the issue of bullying.

All children deserve to come to school and feel safe and happy so we are ensuring that our pupils are equipped with strategies should they experience behaviour that doesn't allow them to flourish.

As part of the week, all our students will **access 'The power of one' anti-bullying show** and workshops which will deliver clear messages about what bullying is and how to deal with it.

We also want to ensure that parents are fully aware of the definition of bullying and how you can support your child should they experience this. Mr MacDonald will be running a **parent workshop** on **Thursday 19th November at 9:00am**. All our parents are welcome to attend.



If your child is ill don't forget to inform the school by 9:30am so we can mark it as an authorised absence.



Kinetic Science Theatre

Pupils and staff enjoyed a shocking show from Kinetic Theater on Thursday 5th November 2015. Whilst hugely entertaining the show also taught the children key facts about electricity.



Forest schools

Year 1 have been extending their science knowledge by taking part in forest school activities with Mrs Mifflin and Mr Fennelly. Here's some proof that our outdoor learning can be great fun!



Academy APP

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



British Values Day

This week our pupils have discussed what British values are and how we demonstrate these in our community.

There are five core British values:

Democracy,

The rule of Law,

Individual liberty,

Mutual respect, and

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

Have a discussion with your children about these values and how they are seen within the community.



CHARITY FUNDRAISING



Children in Need

Each year we undertake charity fundraising for Children in Need. This year the theme is 'Be a hero'.

We are asking all children to come dressed as a hero on **Friday 13th November** and to bring **£1.00** towards the fundraising. This could be a super hero e.g. superman or a real life hero e.g. the gorgeous Mr Beckham! All proceeds will be sent to the charity.

Operation Christmas Child – shoebox appeal

On Thursday 12th November a signal one presenter will be visiting our school to deliver shoeboxes for the operations Christmas child shoebox appeal.

If you feel you can support this charity, the idea is to fill your shoebox with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies, nothing too expensive, just as little or as much as you can manage. This can then be sent into school and will be shipped to children who are less fortunate than us.



PTFA Film night

ADVANCE NOTICE

The PTFA will be running a film night for all pupils on Thursday 26th November.

We will be running a multi-screen so children will have a wide range of films to choose from to watch.

The cost will be £1.50 (via Parentpay) and will include some light refreshments.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

It's hard to imagine but Christmas is almost upon us and we have been busy arranging all our festive activities.

Dates for your festive diary are:

Christmas Fair

Friday 4th December

Dickensian Parent event – Christmas refreshments

Wednesday 9th December 2pm – 4pm

Christingle service – St Barnabas Church at 5:30pm

Thursday 10th December

Peter Pan Pantomime Monday 14th December

Carols around the tree (KS2) Tuesday 15th December

Nativity plays Wednesday 16th December 2pm & 6pm

Christmas service at St Barnabas Church

Thursday 17th December
9:30am