

# Sun Academy Newsletter



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## DIARY DATES

### ATT pupil awards events

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

### Nursery transition day

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

### Christmas fair

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

### Parent consultation day

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December

### Nursery transition day

### Parent Forum

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

### Dickensian Christmas tea

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

2 – 4pm

### ATT pupil awards

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

### Christingle service – St Barnabas Church

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December –  
5:30pm

### Peter Pan Pantomime

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

### Carols around the tree (KS2)

(Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December –  
1:30pm

## Parent communication

I can't believe how quickly this term is flying by; we only have three weeks until we break up for the Christmas holidays. We have had a highly successful term so far and it isn't over yet as we enter the festive season.

### Parent consultations:

We will be holding our autumn parent consultations on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm until 7pm. Letters have been e-mailed out and all children should come home with a paper copy so that you can book an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their achievement, progress and next steps. If you can't make it on the 7<sup>th</sup>, we will contact you to arrange an alternate appointment.

### Parent Forum:

A parent forum has been arranged for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. The forums were very successful last year and were very well attended. The purpose of the forum is to provide parents with information as well as giving an opportunity for you to have your say on how we can make our academy even better. 2015 results and information how Academy Transformation Trust is supporting us and open questions will be on the agenda. However we want this meeting to be for you – the parents so please let me know if you have any items you would like included.

All visitors that come to our school in the last term have commented on the happy atmosphere and the sense of purpose the children and staff have. Our academy is an amazing place to work and thrive in and shows the huge strides we have made in improving our provision.

Thank you for your endless support - it all helps to make Sun Academy a success.

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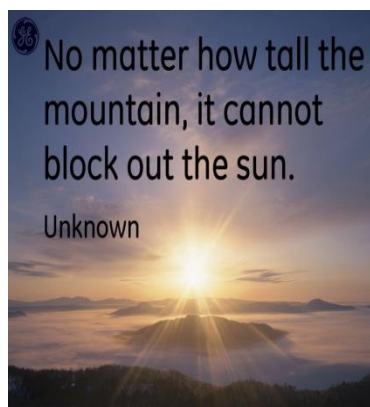
## Year 6 fundraising

Thanks to the amazing fundraising undertaken by parents (especially those in year 6) we have been able to bring the cost of the annual year 6 residential trip right down to £50.

Fundraising has included a sponsored run, non-uniform day and cake sale. Herbie Farr also undertook a personal 10km run and raised a significant amount. Altogether fundraising totalled £1,190.61 – WELL DONE!

The school has also contributed £1,580 towards the cost ensuring that all our children and families can afford to attend this event.

Thank you to all who have supported the fundraising. The children will be going to Kingswood in January 2016 and undertake a wide range of outdoor activities. Look out for the pictures!



## Dickensian Christmas Tea

WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015

2PM – 4PM

**We would like to invite all parents to join with their children in a festive afternoon of drinking, eating and making merry.**

An afternoon tea will be available for all parents and children. Refreshments available will include:

*Christmas cake  
Yule log  
Mince pies  
Christmas pudding  
Hot chocolate  
Mulled wine (non-alcoholic)  
and lots more.*

This event will replace the parents Christmas lunch and will be run by the school catering service. Payment for items will take place on the day not via parent pay.

Christmas activities and quizzes will provide entertainment and you never know we might have a special visitor!!

We look forward to seeing you there.



## ACADEMY TRANSFORMATION TRUST PUPIL AWARDS

Our sponsors, academy Transformation Trust are holding Pupil Awards in Birmingham on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December in Birmingham.

All the academies within the trust were able to nominate pupils for a variety of different awards and, as part of the trust, Sun Academy nominated a number of children.

We are very proud to announce therefore that two of our pupils were successful in their nominations and will be receiving awards. Our winners were:

Miss Swayze Washington for the Primary Overcoming Adversity Award

And

Master Herbie Farr for the Primary Charity / Fundraising Award

What fabulous children we truly have at Sun Academy. Well done!



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





**Aspiring Authors a work!**  
Roll up, roll up, read all about it!  
Our children have been hard at work writing about the strange and spectacular goings on at Sun Academy! Robberies, gruel and prisoners of war – it's all happening here!





## Parent Governors

We had a fantastic response to our request for some new parent governors and I wish to extend a personal thank you to all of those parents who applied.

As there were so many applicants, a ballot was necessary. The votes were counted last Wednesday in the presence of two candidates, the Vice Principal and another lay person.

The final counts were extremely close and there was a three way tie.

As there were two vacancies advice was sought and ATT have advised that we accept the three parents this involved.

Our governing body now consists of:

- Miss Sue Finney – Chair
- Mr Andrew Knipe – Vice Chair
- Mr Ian Sharp – community
- Mr Karl Lawton – community
- Father Chris Routledge – community
- Mrs Geraldine Fallows – Staff
- Mrs Clare Norcup – Staff
- Mrs Sarah Davies – Parent
- Mrs Lindsey Hall – Parent
- Miss Lauren Pakeman – Parent
- Mrs Bobbie Caisley – Principal (officio)
- Mrs Pat Hunt – Improvement Director (Officio)

## Nativity plays

Our Nursery, Reception, Year1 and 2 will be performing their Nativity plays on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 6pm.

The plays are free to attend however we will need to restrict the number of tickets for each family due to fire regulations.

Mrs Fallows will send a letter out so that you can indicate how many tickets you would like.

We do ask that the children stay in school between the two performances. The children have a picnic tea and free time.

We look forward to seeing you at the plays and sharing in the magic of our young actors and actresses.

## Children's Christmas Dinner

The school kitchen has arranged for a Christmas dinner day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

The dinner will be a traditional Christmas roast and dessert.

If your child would like to have one of these dinners you can order the dinner as usual via parent pay.



### CHILDREN IN NEED

Thanks to your generosity and contributions on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, we raised £395.65 for the worthy charity.

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## School uniform

It is amazing to see how smart our pupils look in their new school uniform and it is something all our visitors comment on. This is something to be incredibly proud of.

To guarantee we maintain this, please ensure that all children come with their school tie every day and that they also wear the school jumper/cardigan (with logo).

Skirts must be no shorter than the knee; very short skirts or shorts are not appropriate.

Hair accessories should fit with the school colours and not include large bows or flowers.

Trainers are not allowed for footwear.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated and assists with our academy looking exemplary within the community.