

Sun Academy Newsletter



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DIARY DATES

Year 6 Kingswood residential

Monday 11th January – Friday 15th January.

Big Breakfast – all welcome

Monday 11th January - 8:30am

Parent workshop - Spelling

Friday 15th January

Year 6 Bikeability

Monday 25th January

Tuesday 26th January

Family learning event - maths

Friday 29th January

Chinese New Year

Monday 8th February

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 9th February

Aspiring Authors Day

Wednesday 10th February

Valentine's lunch

Friday 12th February

Half term

Monday 15th February

School re-opens

Monday 22nd February

Happy New Year!

All the staff and pupils at Sun Academy wish you a happy new year and hope that 2016 is a successful and prosperous year for you. We have lots of learning opportunities and events for our pupils to ensure 2016 is one to remember and see our children flourish and reach their full potential.

Parental engagement:

In the spring term we will have a number of opportunities for our parents to come into school to learn about their children's education. These will take place during the school day so that where possible you can see the school in action. If you are unable to attend we can send you information from the parent workshops and post pictures of events. Events planned include family learning mornings (maths, reading, science and some class assemblies with topic research) and parental workshops on spelling, safer internet use and autism awareness.

Parent questionnaire results:

During the recent parent consultations we undertook a parent questionnaire. This was also available in the school reception area for those who could not attend. Wow! What a marvellous response we had. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaire and share their thoughts with us. The results indicated that overall parents agree/strongly agree with the positive statements reflecting the academy and their children's learning. All majority answers fell into the strongly agree category! A copy of the full results will be sent to all parents in an e-mail and will also be available on the school APP. Your constant support and co-operation has a huge impact on how we perform so I wish to send out a very big personal thank you for this. Working together we can only get stronger and stronger in our journey towards good and ultimately outstanding.

We look forward to working with you in 2016 and sharing in another successful term for both your children and the academy.

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Big Breakfast

From January 2016, Breakfast club is now being run by the Chartwells catering service. In order to celebrate this and raise the profile we will be having a big breakfast morning on Monday 11th January at 8:30am.

We are actively encouraging you, as parents, to come along with your children and enjoy a fabulous breakfast at amazing prices.

Pupils will be taken up to class at 9:00am but parents are invited to stay a little longer and enjoy their breakfast at leisure.

As the service is now run by Chartwells you simply bring your money along to pay them direct. No fees are done through parent pay.

Please do make an effort to join us.

The breakfast club will be open to all children every school day from 8:30am to 9:00am.



Spelling

Parent workshop

Friday 15th January 2019

9:20 – 9:40am during the parent breakfast club.

**Fancy trying a spelling test?
Would you get 10 out of 10?**

Spelling is one of the academy's key focus areas this term and we are determined to improve our pupils spelling knowledge.

Mr Fennelly, the English leader, will be running a 20 minute workshop to explain to parents how we teach spelling in school and strategies that can be used at home to improve your child's spelling ability.

*All parents who are able to attend will receive **free** spelling resources to support their child. If you are unable to attend then let us know and we can send you some details of the workshop.*

*We look forward to seeing you
their ... they're ... there!!!*



SPRING CHARITY EVENTS

Each term, we choose two charity events that the academy staff and pupils are going to focus on and support. This spring we have chosen a charity that is very close to our own hearts and also a national event that will benefit many.

In the week beginning 14th March we will be raising awareness of autism as part of our learning and also running a workshop for parents who would like to find out more.



We will be taking part in sports relief again this year. All

pupils and staff will be teaming up to run, cycle and swim as many marathons as possible.

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Hook day.

The ice age, superheroes, the Beatles and Brazilian living – any excuse for dressing up and having fun. Hook day – just one of the millions of reasons why we love learning at Sun Academy Bradwell.



CATERING EVENTS

Valentine's Day

Our catering service will be running a special Valentine's Day meal on Friday 12th February for the pupils.

If love is in the air and your child would like to take part in this special lunchtime event simply pay for a dinner as usual via parent pay for that day. The cost is £2.10



Chinese New Year

All pupils will be learning about the Chinese New Year on Monday 8th February and taking part in activities linked to this event. As part of the day the catering service will be delivering a Chinese themed menu.

If your child would like to take part in this special lunchtime event simply pay for a dinner as usual via parent pay for that day. The cost is £2.10



Mother's Day Meal

As part of our traditional Mother's day celebrations we will be doing a mother's day meal. More information will follow. The date set for this is Wednesday 2nd March.



Academy Website

Our academy website is now live. Thank you for being patient whilst it has been under construction.

Our website provides you with key information about our school and gives you a flavour of what we represent as an educational establishment.

We have many ways to communicate with you - keep an eye out for the various ways:

School website

School APP

Facebook page

Twitter

Text message service

e-mail service

and don't forget you can always call in.

Fry Day Friday!

Our catering service will be offering chips to all pupils on a Friday lunch time. It doesn't matter whether you are school dinners or sandwiches – if you wish to have a bag of chips to warm you up or as a treat simply bring along 50p and enjoy!

PARKING

Unfortunately, despite many appeals and patrols, we still have some parents who are putting our children in danger by parking irresponsibly on the pavements outside the school and at the top end of Cauldon Avenue.

PLEASE, PLEASE consider the safety of our children and DO NOT park on the same side as the school. We rely heavily on your co-operation in this. HELP KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.

Learning Heroes

Well done to all our pupils who were awarded an end of term learning hero award. We truly do have an amazing set of pupils!

Progress award – Brandon Nixon

Resilience award – Charlie Harris

Reciprocity award – Amy Whitmore

Reflectiveness award – Archie Garner

Resourcefulness award – Jake Mountford

Sports award – Ruby Ellams

Reception class admission September 2016

Admission to Reception Class 2016

The closing date to make your application for your child to enter Reception is 15th January 2016.

The best way to make your application is to apply on line at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions. If you require a paper application please contact School Admissions and Transport Service on 01785 278593.