

Sun Academy Newsletter



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DIARY DATES

Children in Need Day

Friday 18th November

Christingle Assembly (St Barnabas)

Thursday 1st December (6pm)

Christmas Fayre

Friday 2nd December

Dickensian Christmas Dinner

Weds 7th December

Christmas Festival of Music Victoria Hall

Thursday 8th December

Whole School Pantomime

Friday 9th December

Christmas Show EYFS & KS1

Tuesday 13th December

Christmas Show KS2

Wednesday 14th December



Principal's Message



Dear Parents

What a fabulous start we have had to this half term. The children continue to amaze us on a daily basis and are making huge strides in their learning.

All the pupils had the fabulous opportunity this week to enhance their science learning when the Kinetic theatre came to perform their show 'Robin and the Withering Wood'. As always the children were impeccably behaved and the actors commented on their interaction and what an excellent audience they had been. With this kind of commitment to their learning there is no wonder why our children perform so well.

Yesterday (Thursday), our academy underwent a Trust review of our effectiveness. Two lead Improvement Directors undertook lesson observations, scrutinised the childrens' books, assessment data and interviewed the leadership team. It is fabulous to be able to tell you that the review went extremely well and we are positioned extremely well for our next Ofsted inspection. The Improvement Directors commented on the effectiveness of the school and stated that we had a clear vision and purpose, consistency across the whole academy and that we were incredibly positive in our approach to the children's education. Our staff were amazing and their excellence in teaching shone through. Our children were impeccably behaved and particular comments were made about their conduct and enthusiasm for learning. Well done to everyone.

As a team (children, staff, parents, community), we are **ABLE** to succeed in all we do. **Achieve** our dreams, **Believe** in ourselves and each other, **Learn** new and interesting things, and importantly **Enjoy** the time we spend at the academy.

Thank you for your continued support and championing of our school

Mrs B Caisley
Principal



Please ensure that your ParentPay account is in credit at all times – load money onto the account in readiness for what you need.

Governor update

We have a new vacancy for a Parent Governor. The deadline for nominations for parent governor is on Friday 2nd December.

Any parent who wishes to join our Governing body - we would be delighted to hear from you.

We will keep you updated as we go through the process. In the first instance please pick up an application from the office.

If you would like to have a chat about what the role entails, please arrange to see Mrs Caisley.

Our governors do a fantastic job in school and we would welcome applications for our parent governor vacancy.



Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club run by our kitchen is very popular – and all are welcome.

Opening time is 8.30am – children will need to bring a small amount of money to pay for the food/drink they receive.

The price list is as follows:

Cereal and Milk	30p
Toast	25p
Crumpet	30p
Pancakes	30p
Oatcakes with Cheese	50p
Fruit Juice	30p
Milk (semi skimmed)	20p
Viva Milkshake	50p



Pantomime

Friday 9th December

It's that time again when we go on our whole school Panto! This year we have booked to go to The Regent Theatre in Hanley for the production of Cinderella which will star Jonathan Wilkes together with Christian Patterson and Simon Nehan as the hilarious Ugly Sisters. This will be a whole school trip and all children will take part in this traditional seasonal treat.

Thanks to support from the PTFA we have subsidised the trip. This greatly reduces the overall cost allowing us to offer the price of **£12.50 per child** which includes the ticket, transport and an ice cream!

The cost of the trip will need to be paid on line via the ParentPay system – all payments to be made by 5th December. We know that this special whole school trip will be hugely enjoyable for everyone.



Staff and children in Year 5/6 are donating items to be included in a fantastic hamper which will be raffled off! This will be a super prize which would be a Christmas treat for any family! All proceeds will go towards their Kingswood Residential Trip. Raffle tickets will be sold in school from Monday 1st December. The raffle will be drawn on 14th December.



If your child is off school ill – please either leave a message on the school voicemail – or call no later than 9.30am



Food allergies/ Intolerances

If your child has a medically diagnosed food allergy or intolerance – please collect a form from the office so we are aware of this.



Security in School

To ensure the safety of all our children please ensure everyone follows the following rules:

All visitors must report to the school office and sign in.

If you have come into school with your Nursery/Reception child please return back through the door from which you came and don't walk through the school.

Parents are not permitted to watch clubs after school.

Please do not enter through any door unless invited by a member of staff.



CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Children in Need

Each year we undertake charity fundraising for Children in Need.

This year the theme is 'spotacular!' On **Friday 18th November** children can bring their **£1** donation and wear their spots with pride – dress as spotty as you would like and raise money for an important charity! All proceeds will be sent directly to Children in Need.



Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter

@sunbradwell

Enjoy information on daily events as they happen!



Robin and the Withering Wood

All children enjoyed a wonderful performance by Kinetic Theatre on 7th November and learnt about how plants grow. The show was both entertaining and informative for all!



Kingswood Trip Year 5/6

Thank you so much for all the sponsor money – your incredible efforts have managed to raise:

£1153

This is a great start to the fundraising efforts – well done!!