

# Sun Academy Newsletter



Autumn 1 | Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 | [www.sunacademy.attrust.org.uk](http://www.sunacademy.attrust.org.uk) | Tel: 01782 973855

## DIARY DATES

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

INSET DAY – School closed

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

School open – children return

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Year 4 maths morning

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 3 maths morning

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Friday  
18<sup>th</sup> November**

Anti-Bullying Week

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 2 maths morning

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Year 2 maths morning

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Parents Evening

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

EYFS maths morning

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Friday  
1<sup>st</sup> December**

Assessment week

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Fair

Dear Parents,

We have had an excellent start to this academic year and the first half term has seen some amazing learning happen.

As always, we begin each year by reviewing the successes of the previous year and creating an action plan for the areas we want to work on to make our school an even more successful place to learn. The academies academic results at the end of last year were amongst some of the best we have ever had. Our Early years children finished the year performing in line with pupils nationally. Our key stage 1 and 2 pupils saw results that were above national percentages. In fact, in reading we are within the top 10% of school in the country. This is a fabulous achievement and the children are to be congratulated on the excellent learning that took place. You can find the attainment results on our academy website.

In the coming year, we want to further develop our Early Years provision, challenging opportunities in mathematics and assessments in the foundation subjects. We have already begun to work on this and are seeing the huge benefits from making this our focus in 2017-2018.

Hopefully in this academic year, we will receive Ofsted. This will be a great opportunity for us to showcase the great work that is happening at Sun. If you have any suggestions or ideas for further ways in which we can improve our school and ensure we are outstanding then please let us know. We are always interested in your ideas.

Communication is always an area that we aim to continue to build on. We will keep you informed in the following ways: Text messages, e-mails, the school website, the school app, half termly newsletters and letters as required. If you are ever have any queries please do contact us. You can call in, ring the school or e-mail. If using e-mail please be aware that this may not be seen straight away but we will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

We hope you have a fabulous half term. The children return on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October and we look forward to another exciting half term.

Mrs B Caisley  
Principal





## SNACK & MILK

Snack and milk payments for next half term are now on parentpay.

Snack: £7.40

Milk: £11.10

The deadline for paying via parentpay is **midnight,**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

This will be **STRICTLY** adhered to as once the list has been run and the items ordered we cannot add to it.



## Reporting Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please inform us by ringing the school or sending a text by 9:30am.

If we are not informed of an absence then we cannot authorise it.

Pupils with attendance below 90% or prior poor attendance will receive a call from our education welfare officer.

## School Uniforms

Our pupils look so smart in their uniforms and it helps to create a sense of belonging and pride in the school.

PLEASE make sure that you put your child's name in their uniform items. We have a number of lost items and it is so much easier to get items back to the correct person if they are fully named. It also saves a lot of time.

## TIES

We sell school ties via parentpay. There has been a small increase in cost. Clip on ties are now £6.00 and the elastic ties are £5.00



## PANTOMIME

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**December 2017**

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 Aladdin which will star Jonathan Wilkes together with Christian Patterson. This will be a whole school trip and all children will take part in this traditional seasonal treat.

Thanks to the fundraising you take part in through the year we are able to subsidise the trip. This reduces the overall cost and allows us to offer the price of £15.00 per child which includes the ticket, transport and an ice cream!

Payment should be made via parentpay. Please pay by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

## KINGSWOOD TRIP YEAR 6

Please ensure all deposits (£20) for the Kingswood residential visit are paid by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. This will ensure that we secure all the places we need for this exciting adventure.

Fundraising so far for the trip has been fabulous and over £1,000 has been raised already! This will help to reduce the overall cost. Thank you to all those who have given their time and support.



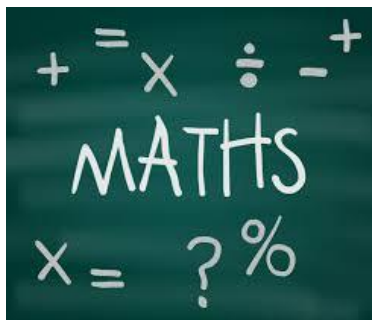
If your child is off school ill – please either leave a message on the school voicemail, text or call no later than 9.30am. A written letter should be sent in on your child's return.



## Year 1 & 2 Blue Planet Trip

Our year 1 and 2 classes will be attending the Blue Planet Aquarium on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 as part of their 'Flotsam' topic. This will give them the opportunity to discover and learn more about the sea life they have been investigating this half term.

Please ensure all contributions are made by 30<sup>th</sup> October.



## Maths Mornings

We are inviting parents to join us for a morning of maths. Come along to find out how we challenge our pupils and help them to reason. See the diary dates for when each class's session is. Mr MacDonald will also send out further information



## Year 6 High School Applications

Applications for high school places must be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. Don't forget to send in your preferences.



## HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Well done to all the children for their presentations at the harvest service at St Barnabas Church. They were amazing!

Thank you so much for all the harvest donations of food that the school received. This year's contributions was one of the greatest ever seen. Two nominations were received and hampers have been sent out. The rest of the donations were given to The Elizabeth Trust.

Finally, a huge thank you to Father Chris and St Barnabas Church. The support we receive from the church and Father Chris greatly enhances our school and supports our vision to be engaged with the wider community.



The mountain of donated clothes for the fire fighters charity was collected this week.

In total the school raised £56.40 – thank you to all those who contributed.



## COMPETITION TIME!

Year 1 to 6 will come home with a sticker in their home-school diary with a log in for a competition called word mania.

This game encourages children to generate as many words as they can in a given time – this will clearly help to boost their vocabulary and spelling skills!

The competition will run for a number of weeks.

We can track which children achieve the highest scores and therefore we are going to run a competition where points mean prizes!

There will be a weekly prize for the top scoring child and at the end of the competition a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize. So children... start generating those words!