

# Sun Academy Newsletter



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## DIARY DATES

### 4th January

Term starts

### 14th-15th January

Year 6 bike ability- permission needed

### 9th February

Internet Safety Day

### 12th February

Inset day

### 15th-19th February

Half term

### 22nd February

LGBTQ+ awareness- celebrating difference

### 8th March

Mother's Day celebrations

### 22nd March

Parents' Evening Week- dates to be confirmed depending on COVID guidance

### 29th March-1st April

Autism Awareness Week

### 2nd April-16th April

Easter holidays

### 19th April

Term starts

### 3rd May

May day

### 31st May-4th June

Half term

### 5th July

Inset day

Academy Transformation  
Trust Primary Academy

### 21st July

Last day



Well, that is the autumn term complete and Christmas is close by. The term has presented many new things to our community but the children have adapted brilliantly. They have shown maturity and understanding of all of the new rules, trying their best to keep everyone safe. I think you would all agree, they have been amazing.

This week has definitely brought festive cheer to the academy with the wide range of activities that the children have taken part in. A huge thank you to Mr Bunting, Mrs Ainsworth and Miss Finney for their support in organising these events. The first round of the sponsored spell has taken place with the finals planned before the end of term. A huge thank you to everyone for taking part and the money that has already been collected. This will be allocated to the PTFA account to support the celebrations for the children in the rest of the academic year. Let's hope we can make Easter just as much fun!

As preparations begin for the Spring term, we are focusing upon developing resilience and a focus around the British Values Tolerance and Rule of Law. These will link to our PHSE topics and online assemblies. We look forward to sharing with you all of the amazing work.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope that you get to spend precious time with those closest to you. We look forward to seeing everyone's safe return in January; ready for an amazing 2021.

Thank you again for your continued support,

Mrs Niemczyk

Principal



### Change to school times

You will have received a letter via email outlining revised times for drop off and collection from January onwards. Please help to reduce the adults on the school grounds by following the allocated times for your children.

### Safer Schools

As children have more electronic devices for Christmas or spend more time online, we have shared a wide range of resources to support parents. These will be posted on class dojo.

As an academy, we have the safer schools APP to support parents and older children online. Please use the QR code using the code 7440.



### Parent Pay

A huge thank you to everyone that has ensured that their parent pay account is balanced for this term.

## Holiday COVID information

The government has issued advice on what happens as the Christmas holidays approach.

- If your child tests positive for Covid-19 after developing symptoms **within 48 hours of last being in school** and within the first **six days** of the holiday, you should notify myself via email at [l.niemczyk@sunacademy.attrust.org.uk](mailto:l.niemczyk@sunacademy.attrust.org.uk) – this email will be checked once each day (between 9:00am and 10:00 am) and we will assist with necessary contact tracing
- If your child tests positive for Covid-19 after developing symptoms **more than 48 hours since last being in school** then there is no need to contact us – you should instead contact NHS Track and Trace who will advise you
- There is no need to contact us at all if your child tests positive after developing symptoms at any point after **Thursday 24th December** – you should instead notify us at the start of term in January.

If any further guidance is needed, please email

[l.niemczyk@sunacademy.attrust.org.uk](mailto:l.niemczyk@sunacademy.attrust.org.uk)

Testing is still available throughout the Christmas period if anyone develops symptoms.

Self-isolation period has now been reduced from 14 days to 10 as set out in the UK Chief Medical Officers' statement in 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Free School Meals

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals please either use the link below

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

or ring 01785 278966



## Community Projects

As you will have seen from our survey our PTFA are working hard with businesses in the community to source food parcels to members of our community. If you require any support, please contact the school office or myself via email. For parents that have offered to help this project, donations can be bought to the school office.

