



# NEWSLETTER

A message from the

## PRINCIPAL



Dates for Your

### DIARY



#### Monday 21st July

Rewards Morning

End of Term—School closes at 1pm.

Summer Fayre—1pm onwards

#### Monday 1st September

INSET Day—School Closed to Pupils

#### Tuesday 2nd September

School Opens for ALL Pupils

#### Thursday 23rd October

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final edition of our Academy newsletter this academic year.

Please remember that school is open on Monday and all children are expected to attend. It is really important children come in to the academy on the final day as this is our rewards morning and we do not want anyone to miss out. It will be a fantastic morning.

As previously communicated, the academy will close at 1pm on 21st July (children will have lunch first). As soon as all pupils have been collected, we will open the gates and our Summer Fayre will begin

on the playground. If you have not yet purchased your raffle ticket currency through MCAS, please do so NOW!

Our Summer Fayre will include lots of fun games, food and drinks and a tombola, as well as a raffle. It will undoubtedly be an afternoon to remember and a great way to finish the summer term. In hope to see you there!

Have a lovely, safe summer. School re-opens at 8:40am on Tuesday 2nd September. We all very much look forward to seeing you again then.

*Mr T Garner*

**Principal**

# REMINDER

While it seems some time away now, September will soon be here! Here are a few reminders:

- On P.E. days, children will come to school in P.E. kit rather than school uniform. P.E. Days are as follows:

RB: Friday

RH: Friday

1B: Tuesday & To be confirmed

1K: Tuesday & To be confirmed

2D: Tuesday & To be confirmed

2K: Tuesday & To be confirmed

3F: Monday and Thursday

3J: Monday and Thursday

4A: PE every Wednesday & swimming alternate Thursdays

4P: PE every Wednesday & swimming alternate Thursdays

Yr 5: Swimming alternate Mondays

PE every Tuesday

6B: Monday & To be confirmed

6S: Monday and Friday

- Children will not be permitted to bring bags into school—they are not needed.
- Children will not be permitted to bring pencil cases or stationery into school. We will provide all of the equipment children need.

# Preloved Uniform

Many of you have already taken advantage of our preloved uniform shop in the reception area, which is great! If you haven't yet had a look, pop in and take whatever you need. If you would like to make a donation, it will be gratefully received, but not essential.

If you do need help with uniform, but do not want to take from the reception area, we now have a form you can complete to request uniform. When we receive your request, we will package up your request in a normal carrier bag and hand this to you discretely to avoid any embarrassment.

You can request uniform here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/eG04iCEDGp>

# School Trips and Visits

Following a review of trips this term, I am pleased to inform you that from September parents will receive more notice of trips. I understand how frustrating it is when insufficient notice is given and, as a result, parents have to make changes. From September, you will be given 4 weeks notice of all trips (unless otherwise unavoidable).

As previously communicated, we will be providing ALL children with a free packed lunch on trips. Children should NOT bring a lunch on those days. They will have the opportunity to order a sandwich with a filling of their choosing in advance of the trip.

Thank you to everyone who has already downloaded the My Child At School App. If you haven't, please do. This is the way we will be moving forwards and all parents will need this. Please download it and set it up to avoid last minute rushes and panics. Our office staff will help you if you need them to.



# Entry and Exit Points

As previously communicated, there will be changes to the way that parents access the academy from September. Please refer back to the letter that was sent out earlier this week.

From September pupils in Years 1 to 6 need to enter the academy in a morning through the alley gate. This will be the only entrance open. Parents will need to leave their children at the gate. Parents will not be allowed onto the academy site. Nursery and Reception parents should use the front entrance gate, come down the steps and walk along the side of the building to drop children off to the Nursery door or Reception door where staff will be waiting.

At the end of the day, all classes will leave via their classroom doors and, to allow for this, both the alley gate and the gate at the bottom of the school site will be open. However, the link corridor will be closed off, so parents collecting from RB, RH, 1K, 6B and 6S will need to make their way around the back of the dance studio and up the steps to collect. Please note that at the end of the day, for security purposes, there will be no access from the front gate.

We understand that the steps on the school site make navigating the site difficult, however, we are having to make these changes to keep everyone safe. Should you have specific requirements that you would like to discuss, please contact the Academy office.



Our whole school attendance for the year to date is 95.2%. Which is great but we can aim higher as a school.

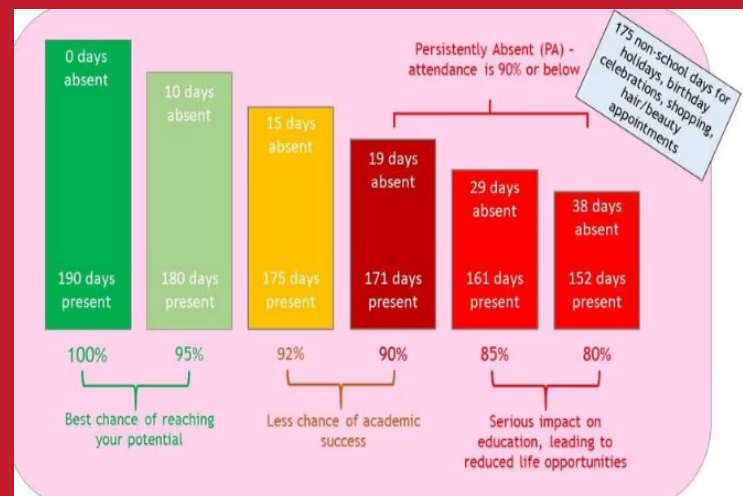
A reminder ALL children should be in school and on time everyday that school is open. Holidays during term time will not be authorised and will always be subject to fine. So we advise that you do not take your child out of school during term time.

If your child is absent you must ring the office for every day of absence before 9.30am.

**WELL DONE TO ALL OF OUR CHILDREN WHO ACHIEVED 95% AND ABOVE THIS YEAR. THIS IS FANTASTIC!!!**

Rewards will take place for all those children on the last day of term on the 21st July.

If you or someone you know is looking for a school place in Reception, Y2 or Y6 in September then please see the school office.



If your child takes too much time off school they will become categorised as PA or persistently absent. (below 90% ).

Missing school will make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on their academic progress. Don't allow your child to become a PA student.

If your child's attendance has dropped below 95%, school will make contact to raise concern and offer support. An attendance concern letter will be sent and school no longer approve absences unless medical evidence is submitted.

School will also access support from the Education Welfare Service.

After this point, if absences continue or improve, a referral could be made for a penalty notice of £80 per parent per child.

Please work with us as we only want what is best for your child. Thank you.



# Safeguarding



## SUMMER HOLIDAY SURVIVAL TIPS. . .

### MANAGING ANXIETY

With the long summer holidays starting, many children will be moving onto pastures new for various reasons or simply transitioning within the school. Almost all young people will feel anxious at some point to different extents and for some this anxiety can become overwhelming. Young Minds has some really helpful information and advice to help understanding and supporting anxiety including many helpful resources.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/professional/resources/supporting-a-young-person-struggling-with-anxiety/>



### SUMMERTIME SCREEN TIME



The summer school holidays are now upon us and whilst we can't guarantee time outside in the sun, we can assume that there will be high levels of screen time for young people during the school holiday with all the free time available. Managing screen time can be problematic and may seem easy to not allow it at all, but screen time activities like gaming and social media are a source of fun leisure times for children and young people. It is often a way of communicating with their friends as they will not be seeing them every day at school. So, banning all screen time would not be the best solution and could even be harmful, as it can isolate them from their outside world. A better approach would be to establish boundaries and develop healthy habits, which will balance their screen time but also ensuring that their needs are recognised. It is also important to lead by example, the average adult in the UK is spending over 6 hours a day on average on digital devices.

### SELF-CARE SUMMER TOOL KIT



The summer holidays are meant to be a time to relax, reset, and to take a break, so that we are all refreshed for the start back to school in September. For some parents and staff however, the summer can be a difficult few weeks to try and switch off, with some young people struggling to cope with the loss of structure and not seeing their friends on a daily basis.

It's essential for us all to look after our mental wellbeing, as well as that of the children in our care during the summer break. It can be a great opportunity to start something new, see below for top tips and further advice

[mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/self-care-summer-toolkit/](https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/self-care-summer-toolkit/)  
[mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/helping-children-after-long-holidays-and-key-transitions/](https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/helping-children-after-long-holidays-and-key-transitions/)



### STAY SAFE IN THE SUN

Sunshine is great mood booster allowing us to get outdoors, catch up with friends and family, exercise and soak up the vitamin D.

However, too much heat can be dangerous, especially for older people, young children, and people with long term conditions. So, please do look after yourself, whether you are holidaying abroad or the UK, the same rules apply, wear sun cream, drink lots of water and stay in the shade where possible.

**MOVING SCHOOLS** can seem very daunting, but it can also be an exciting new start. There are lots of reasons you may need to move school - starting secondary school or moving to somewhere new. Some reasons why people may have to move schools for instance are after being taken into care or moving foster families, people who are claiming asylum, as well as families needing to be rehoused for.

You might be worried about:

- Being bullied or not fitting in
- Not knowing your way around
- Getting on with teachers or staff

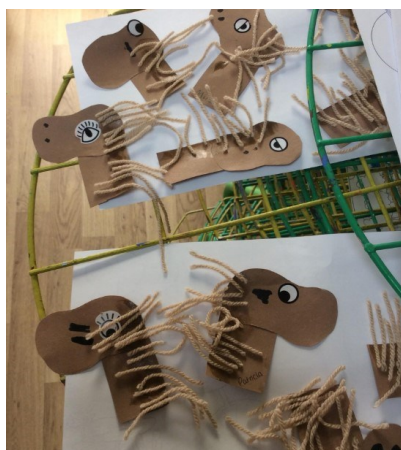
Starting a new school can be scary, but there are things you can do to cope and help you feel positive. There are many resources available, Childline have particularly extensive information to support and advise parents and carers on navigating this testing time.



# Nursery

We have had lots of fun during this half term learning about different types of animals. We have enjoyed being creative and making animals using an array of different materials.

This half term we also celebrated a successful year in Nursery with our Early Years celebration day. Mrs. Appleby is so proud of all the progress we have made and is going to miss us!



# Reception

We have had fun this half term learning about summer and the seaside. As part of our learning we have had a summer fun day and a water fight.





# Year 1

# Year 2



Year 2 have had a fabulous half term learning all about the British seaside. Our favourite part was our trip to Weston Super Mare! It was amazing to experience the fun of a proper British Seaside with our friends.



# Year 3

In Year 3 we have been learning about 'Urban Pioneers'. We learnt about the history of Walsall, we created a timeline of important events in Walsall and we researched significant individuals such as Sister Dora. We worked in the community gardens to understand local Caldmore history and created a 3D map of Caldmore. We then finished our topic by going on a walk around Walsall.



# Year 4

In our topic 'Road Trip USA!' we learnt about the history of the United States of America.

We also had a great time performing in front of all the parents at the Summer Spectacular performance.





# Year 5



What a busy term Year 5 have had. We've learnt lots about our topics Pharaohs! We all took part in events for Sports Day and enjoyed cheering each other on. Congratulations to 5T who won this year, I'm sure you'll be able to get the victory next year 5S!

We took part in some cooking as part of learning about a healthy balanced diet. We also learnt about foods from around the world and focused on Portugal. We made Queijadas a Portuguese egg custard. Although they didn't look that nice, they tasted delicious.

Finally, we have enjoyed our transition day and although we have had a fantastic Year 5 we are all looking forward to Year 6.

# Year 6



Year Six had a wonderful day out at Woodlands Adventure Centre in June. The children took part in four adventurous activities that we can't do in school. These were: canoeing (see picture), caving, orienteering and an assault course.

Many of the children had to face their fears to participate in these activities and they got a great sense of achievement when they did it. It was lovely to see the children become more confident in themselves as the day went on.

We also spent time rehearsing and performing our Year 6 leavers production "Prexit—primary school exit". It was a great chance for our children to develop and show off their drama, dance and music skills.

# Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct items of uniform each and every day.



## Uniform

White polo shirt



Grey trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore



Plain red, white or black headscarf

**NO hoop earrings, big hair accessories or extreme haircuts**



Red jumper or cardigan

Smart black shoes



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