



Huntingdon Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

Dear Parents / Carers

We are having a very busy term, packed full of exciting visits and events.

Summer Expeditions and 'Athletics' with L.E.A.D. Schools

All Key Stage One and Key Stage Two classes will be going on Bushcraft events at Colwick Country Park with other L.E.A.D. schools. Last year these were a great success where the children learned survival skills in the wild such as how to make shelters and how to make tea. Years 5 and 6 will also be taking part in an 'Athletics' event at Harvey Haddon Stadium. These events are super opportunities for our children, not only to have a great experience but to feel a part of the wider Multi-Academy Trust and get to make new friends.

Summer Fayre – Wednesday 6th July - 3.00pm

Every class will be busy with their chocolate themed enterprise projects, ready to sell tasty products at the Summer Fayre. Please come and support us to raise money towards all our fantastic visits this term.

Farewell to Mr Bartlam

Mr Bartlam, who has been Site Manager at the school for many years, has decided that it is time for him to leave.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Bartlam for all his hard work and commitment to the school over many years. He will be greatly missed and we wish him well for the future.

In memory of Mrs Bartlam, Mr Bartlam has expressed that we donate the money raised at the Christmas concert to Action Heart.

Staffing for the next academic year

I will be releasing the final staffing lists for each year group later in the term in a separate letter. Children will be visiting their new classes on 19th July, 20th July and 25th July. I am pleased to tell you that we are well staffed for the next academic year, which is quite an achievement given the present national shortage of teachers.

Thursday 30th June – 8.30am – 9.30am

Representatives from the School Nursing Service will be holding a drop-in session for any parents who have concerns regarding their child's health.

Newly Refurbished Community/Technology Room

I am pleased to tell you that our community/technology room is now finished. We have a lovely kitchen area in the room and it is a dedicated space for food technology lessons. We are also hoping to run more parent classes in here.

Attendance

Attendance for this academic year so far is 95.7% - this has slightly dropped from last year. We must therefore continue to work hard to improve attendance as poor or sporadic attendance at school does have a negative impact on your child's academic attainment. Please remember that holidays will not be authorised and if you are going away during the summer holidays your child must be back at school on Thursday 1st September. If your child does not return to school they could risk losing their place. Also, if you are moving house and your child will not be returning to Huntingdon, please let us know.

Annual Reports to parents

Reports will be sent out on Tuesday 12th July, they will be sent home with your child. Your child's class teacher will be available in their classrooms between 3.00pm – 4.30pm on Wednesday 13th July, if you would like to come and talk to them about the report.

5th July – NUT's Planned Industrial Action

You may have heard that the National Union of Teachers has planned to call its teachers to strike on Tuesday 5th July. This strike is against the government plans set out in the White Paper 'Educational Excellence Everywhere' The strike is demanding that there is an increase of funding to schools and education, and to guarantee the terms of conditions of teachers.

The action may require some classes to be closed for the day. On Monday I will send out another letter confirming which classes this strike action will affect.

Dates for your diaries

Summer Fayre	Wednesday 6 th July	
Foundation Sports Day	Thursday 7 th July	
Sports Day	Friday 15 th July	KS2 - am KS1 - pm
Summer Picnic	Friday 22 nd July	
End of Year Concert and Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Thursday 21 st July	
Year 6 Leavers' Party	Monday 25 th July	
End of term	Tuesday 26 th July 2016	
Inset Day	Wednesday 30 th August 2016	
Return to school	Thursday 1st September 2016	
Inset Day	Friday 14 th October 2016	
Inset Day	Monday 20 th February 2017	
Inset Day	Monday 6 th June 2017	
Inset Day	Wednesday 26 th July 2017	

Thank you all for your continued support.

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Headteacher