



Huntingdon Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable festive season and it is lovely to see the children back at school looking smart and ready to learn.

Fundraising

Thank-you to everyone for taking part and supporting our Christmas fundraising activities. We raised an amazing £414.43!! £40 of this will be given as a donation to Christmas Jumper Day. I would like to say a very special thank-you to the Friends of Huntingdon PTA who spent a great deal of time and effort in making our Christmas activities so successful.

Tracy Bartlam

The Christmas concert was a wonderful tribute to a much loved member of the school community, Tracy Bartlam. Thank-you for your kind donations which raised £83.00 towards a special memorial to Tracy. I will let you know more details of how we will do this in the coming weeks.

Tracy's funeral will be held on Tuesday 12th January at 3.20pm at Wilford Hill Crematorium on Loughborough Road in West Bridgford. In order to allow time for staff to get to the crematorium, I would like to suggest a slight change in the school day next Tuesday. We have made arrangements that Years 2 to 6 can remain in school until the usual time of 3.00pm. However, if the children in Ms Austin's afternoon class (F1), Ms Sullivan's (F2S), Miss Henshaw's (F2H), Miss Carrette's (Yr.1C), and Miss Webb's class (Yr.1W) could be collected from class (through the main school gate) at 1.45pm it would be greatly appreciated. However, if you are unable to collect your child at this time there will be staff who will remain in school to supervise children. Please let us know in advance if you will need your child to stay in school. If it is more convenient to also collect older children at 1.45pm or if you wish to take them because you need to make your own arrangements to attend the funeral, please come to the school office.

I hope you will appreciate that these are exceptional circumstances and appreciate your understanding. Staff have worked together to maintain the usual running of the school as much as possible.

There is a book of condolence in the school office which all parents and friends are welcome to come and write in.

Attendance

Thank you so much to the parents and carers who have been supporting us with improving their child's attendance, we are pleased to report an improvement to 96.4% for the autumn term. This means that we are above the national expected level of 96%. Every week we update the attendance board at the back entrance of the school for you to see the attendance for your child's class. Please remember that unless your child is ill they should be in school every day. Please let the school office know as soon as possible if your child is unable to come into school. We are no longer able to authorise holidays in school time. You may be liable for a penalty fine if you do take a holiday in term time.

School Uniform

It is great to see so many children looking smart in their school sweatshirts. Can we just remind everyone that all children should wear their uniform every day. We have stock



available at the school office if you wish to purchase any new items. Remember if you are eligible for Free School Meals you can claim a free sweatshirt from the School Office.

We seem to have a growing amount of lost property which is hard to return because there are no names in the items of clothing. We will put out all lost property on Friday 8th January after school in the rear dining hall. All items not claimed by then will be given to a clothing bank.

School Dinner Payment Reminder

Please remember if you pay for school dinners these need to be paid for at the school office in the week the meals are taken. This ensures that your payments are up to date and avoids the need for us to send letters for overdue amounts.



Dates for your diaries

School Book Fair
Parents Evening

Wednesday 3rd February
Monday 8th February

INSET day

Monday 22nd February

World Book Dressing Up Day
KS1 Writing Morning for parents/carers
KS2
EYFS
Easter Raffle and PTA Food Stall
End of Term Concert
KS2 SATS Week
KS1 Maths Mornings for parents/carers
KS2
EYFS

Thursday 3rd March
Monday 21st March
Wednesday 23rd March
Thursday 24th March
Wednesday 23rd March
Thursday 31st March
Week beginning 9th May
Tuesday 24th May
Wednesday 25th May
Thursday 26th May

INSET day

Monday 6th June

Phonics Assessment Week – Year 1
Summer Fayre
Foundation Sports Day
Sports Day
Summer Picnic
End of Year Concert and
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Year 6 Leavers' Party

Week beginning 13th June
Wednesday 6th July
Thursday 7th July
Friday 15th July
Friday 22nd July
Thursday 21st July

Monday 25th July

Thank you all for your continued support and I look forward to working with you over the coming term.

Teresa Shrestha
Headteacher