



# Huntingdon Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday. We have already started the new term with a fantastic joint Year Three and Year Four visit to The College Street Centre in Nottingham for a Performing Arts Day with other L.E.A.D. schools. Teachers are busy planning various visits to help bring their topics to life and inspire the children. You will receive a class newsletter informing you about all the things your child will be learning this term.

## **Huntingdon is continuing to expand!**

I'm delighted to tell you that the Local Authority have again asked if we would be willing to take on an additional year group next September in Foundation Two. This will ensure that all our children in Foundation One will be offered a place.

## **CCTV**

Over half term, CCTV has been installed around the school building. This is essentially used for the prevention, investigation and detection of crime and will therefore help safeguard yourselves, pupils' and staff's safety.

## **Main School Gates**

The school gates will be changed during the Easter holidays. In the interests of health and safety I request that parents/carers who collect their children by car, do not drive into the car park at the beginning or end of the day. Please use the paths and do not walk through the gates meant for vehicles – this is potentially dangerous.

Please can I also ask that, unless your child is late, use the doors that are open for the children to enter their classrooms rather than going through the school office, due to the large number of children and parents using this door in the mornings.

## **Chair of Governors**

Cynthia James, our Chair of Governor's term of office is now at an end. I would like to thank Cynthia for all her dedication and commitment to Huntingdon during her term. I am pleased to say that Cynthia will continue as Vice Chair of Governors. Ros Murphy, who has been a governor at the school for many years, will now be the Chair.

## **Lunchtimes**

I am pleased to say that the reorganisation of lunchtimes has worked very well. So far the benefits are that:

- children are having longer to eat and therefore there has been less waste;
- there have been less accidents and incidents on the playground as there is more space for fewer children;
- children are saying that they also prefer it and are happier.

We will continue with this arrangement until Easter and then review it again. As always I am very interested to hear your opinions and ideas.

## **Contact Numbers**

Please keep us up to date with your latest phone numbers, in case we need to contact you during the day.

## **Attendance**

Please contact the office if your child is too unwell to be at school. If you need support with any issues around your child's attendance please contact Melanie Jago on 07824 157622. Remember holidays within the school term are not permissible and may result

in a penalty fine. So that your child can make the most of their education they need to be in school punctually every day.

### **Cyber Bullying**

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Key Stage Two children watched a very interactive and engaging play called 'Sticks and Stones' performed by Firestone Productions. Please talk to your children about staying safe online. We have many helpful articles and links on our school website.

### **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. The cost of a school meal and pudding for Key Stage Two children is £1.70 per day – this equates to £8.50 per week.



### **Fundraising**

The children and their School Council representatives have been busy planning activities such as a cinema night to help raise money towards our school visits. There will be letters coming out soon giving more details.

### **Dates for your diaries**

Mrs Fearnley (Year 5C) Parents' evening      Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March      **(appointment letters will be sent out nearer the time)**

Sport Relief	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
KS1 Writing Morning for parents/carers	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
KS2	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
EYFS	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Raffle and PTA Food Stall	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
End of Term Concert	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
KS2 SATS Week	Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> May
KS1 Maths Mornings for parents/carers	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
KS2	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
EYFS	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May

### **INSET day**

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  
End of term  
Return to school

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016

Finally, what an amazing World Book Dressing Up Day we have had today, both children and staff looked wonderful in their character costumes!

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

Teresa Shrestha  
**Headteacher**