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### **DIARY DATES**

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12th December 2pm & 6pm Y1& 2 Christmas concert.

13th December FS1 & 2 Nativity
9.15am

13th December Star's Got Talent
1.30pm

14th December Christmas Disco

14th December Christmas Outfit
Day

14th December Christmas lunch

19th December Academy closes at 3.15pm for Christmas

3rd January Academy reopens to pupils

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Academy Transformation Trust Primary Academy

# Winter is coming....

Remember to wrap the children up warm for these cold days. We love them to enjoy the outdoors. We have many activities coming up so please keep up to date with the communications that come out. Remember we have the following ways we can communicate and update our community:

Facebook-Star Academy Sandyford

Twitter—@Starsandyford

Website- www.staracademy.attrust.org.uk

Text messaging service.

Please make sure all your details are up to date in the office to ensure messages get through. Please be mindful of the times that you do communicate as staff have busy lives.

Every home is a university and the parents are the teachers.

Mahatma Gandhi

# **Thank You**

We have received some lovely comments from parents thanking us for the opportunities that the children are having in the academy. Thank you from us all.



# Star's Got Talent

Each year we hold a talent show called "Star's Got Talent". Each class has their own mini auditions and chooses 3 acts that perform at the final which this year is 13th December at 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to join us at this great event.

Acts can be a dance, singing, magic show whatever the talent may be. So children get those acts polished and

# **Staff Update**

I am delighted to welcome to the Star team two new members of staff who are joining us following the retirement of Mrs Austin. In FS2 (reception) we have Mrs Lisa Cooper. Lisa has many years' experience in early years settings and will bring lots of new ideas to our current team. Then in Year 3 we welcome Mrs Rachel Bithell. Rachel also has many years of experience and is also a talented artist. I hope you will join me in giving them a warm welcome to the academy and support them in their new journey here at Star.

## **Christmas Outfit Day**

As the festive season approaches we will be having a Christmas outfit day on 14th December. Children can come in their party outfits or Christmas jumpers and not in uniform. This is the same day as our Christmas lunch so they will be all dressed up for both events. We will be asking for £1 donations.

## **Foodbank Vouchers**

Just a reminder that we are a voucher provider for local foodbanks. If you are finding it difficult to provide a meal for your family, then please do not hesitate to contact Miss Broomhall, Miss Broadhurst or Mrs Chatterton.

### **Parent Ambassadors**

There have been many cuts across the City Council recently, which have resulted in many jobs being lost. This has had a major impact on our local children's centre which has seen lots of cuts to staffing. In the past the centre ran lots of courses which would support 80-



100 local children and their families. At present no children and families are accessing the centre.

We have a fabulous well-being centre on site that can offer courses, workshops and sessions for babies and toddlers if we get active. So that is where we need your help. We are in search of a group of volunteers who are willing to become **PARENT AMBASSADORS**. You will become key members of our academy community in supporting children's development. We can support you by offering training in activities which could lead to you running your own toddler group. More information to follow. No experience or qualifications needed just a commitment to help and to be reliable.

We will be holding coffee mornings in the next few weeks so ideas can be shared.