

STAR ACADEMY SANDYFORD

Newsletter



Issue 9 | June 2018 | www.staracademy.atrust.org.uk | Tel: 01782 235055

DIARY DATES

Bake sale 20th June 3.10pm

Summer Disco 28th June

Book Fair 3rd— 9th July

Sports Day 29th June 1.15pm

Y6 Standon Bowers 9th - 11th July

Y6 SATS results to pupils 13th July

FS1 & 2 Prize Giving & FS2

Graduation - 17th July 9am

KS1 & 2 Prize Giving 18th July 9am

Year 6 Leavers Party 19th July 6.30-8.30pm

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 20th July 9am

IN THIS ISSUE

- Mrs Caisley Parent Meetings
- Nursery places
- IQM Flagship Status
- Lockdown Procedures
- Catering Changes
- Uniform orders

Summer has arrived

Well the sun has finally made an appearance and long may it continue. Thank you to all those who attended the recent Shakespearian sharing event. The classes were amazing with their Macbeth pieces. The sun shone and it was lovely to have some groups performing outdoors. Thank you to Mr Battrick for all his work in organising the clans.

The staffing structure has been set for teachers for September and you will receive a letter this week informing you who your child will be spending the next academic year with. You have received information about the new leadership structure for September and I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Caisley has started to visit the academy and will be available for parents to meet her on 27th June @2:45pm.

Year 1 completed their national phonics screening test last week with myself. They all tried extremely hard and we are keeping our fingers crossed for amazing results. Year 2 completed their SATS a few weeks back and their results are extremely pleasing too. These will all be available to you in the end of year reports that are scheduled to come out towards

UNIFORM PURCHASES

The deadline for uniform for September is 11th July to guarantee uniform for September.

Nursery Places

We currently have vacancies in our academy nursery for this September. If you or anyone you know has a child that may be interested then get in touch to see how you can acquire a place. These are 30 hours free funded places.

CATERING

Our sponsors Academy Transformation Trust have secured a new catering provider that will cover all of their schools nationally. This will mean that from September, Star will not complete the catering in house. The company that has the contract moving forwards is Chartwells. Meetings have started to be had with Chartwells and we have had sight of some sample menus. Catering staff will remain the same. When we have further information, we will update you especially regarding a sample menu.

INCLUSION QUALITY MARK— FLAGSHIP STATUS



For the past 4 years, Star has held the title of National Centre of Excellence for Inclusion. This is a nationally accredited quality mark that acknowledges the work that the academy does towards making it inclusive for all of its learners and community as a whole. We are delighted to announce that following a one day inspection in May, the academy has been awarded the highest award of Flagship Status, making us only 1 of 90 schools across the whole of the United Kingdom to achieve this award. We are absolutely thrilled with this prestigious award

and I am sure you will join me in congratulating the amazing Star Team on all their hard work.
<https://iqmaward.com/iqm-flagship-school/>

Lockdown Procedures

A few weeks ago you may have heard about a lockdown that happened at one of the local high schools and primary schools. At Star we have a lockdown policy and procedures that is available on the website. As with any form of safety procedure, we will often test this out so that if there was ever a need to put this plan into action, the children and staff would be best prepared. Staff have received training and we have formulated a child friendly approach to the lockdown plan at STAR. Firstly we will change the wording from lockdown to:-

FS1-Y3 – Huddle Story Time

Y4-Y6 – Friendly Shelter Time

Staff have read a story to the children and have explained that as for a fire drill we need to practice so that we can be safe here at STAR. We have practiced saying “I’m not scared..... I’m prepared!!!”

In the event of a lockdown parents will be informed via a text message. Please do not call the academy as all phone lines need to be kept free. This is the message you will receive:

the academy is in a full lockdown situation. During this period the switchboard and entrances will be un-manned, external doors locked and nobody allowed in or out...'

Depending on the type and severity of the incident, parents may be asked NOT to collect their children from the academy as it may put them and their child at risk.

Pupils will not be released to parents during a lock down.

If the end of the day is extended due to the lock down, parents will be notified and will receive information about the time and place pupils can be picked up from office staff or emergency services.

A letter to parents will be sent home on the nearest possible day following any serious incident to inform parents of context of lockdown and to encourage parents to reinforce with their children the importance of following procedures in these very rare circumstances.
