

STAR ACADEMY SANDYFORD

# Newsletter



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## DIARY DATES

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Award Assembly (invite only)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 treat day

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July- Reception graduation  
2:00pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July- Y6 Leavers' Party

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July- Leavers' assembly

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July- Academy closes for  
Summer break

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Academy INSET  
day

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Academy INSET  
day

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Academy open  
Reception to Year 6

Nursery children 8:50 – 11:00am

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Nursery children  
8:50 – 11:00am

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Nursery children  
8:50 – 11:00am

Week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September –  
Nursery to attend 8:50 – 12:15pm

Week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September –  
Nursery to attend full time

## 'Desire to learn, learn to achieve'

**STAR** stands for:

**Smart** – looking smart and making smart choices

**Tolerant** – showing patience and care to all around us

**Ambitious** – Working hard to make our dreams come true

**Resilient** – Being able to bounce back from situations.

Dear Parents and friends of Star Academy,

I have now been at Star Academy since February and I can honestly say that I have enjoyed every minute.

Your children are amazing. They love learning and are using the STAR values to make sure that they get the most out of school and are shining brightly.

We have had an incredible half term with sharing events, theatre trips, health weeks, in-line skaters, trips out, sports events etc and the children are ready for their summer break.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in making all of our events a success this half term, We hope that you enjoyed the new format for the Sport's afternoons and that you were able to see your children compete and enjoy themselves.

We are aware that some classes have not had their share of trips out this year but this will change when we roll out the new curriculum in September which will give the children some amazing learning opportunities.

Please look carefully at the changes expected from September, we will be strict about uniform and bag size – book bags only please.

We have appointed Mr Stronge to work in Reception in September. Mrs Hobbs will be leading the unit and supporting transitions.

We have also appointed Mrs Williams as our Home School Link Worker. She will be here in September to support the links between home and school so that we can strengthen the community bonds.

Finally, may I insist that Class Dojo is only used for positive messages and celebrations. Should you have any complaints to make, please see the class teacher in the first instance and, if needed, make an appointment to see me to address the complaint.

I wish you all a wonderful Summer break and I am excited about seeing you all in September.

Mrs K Wildman

Head of Academy

### From September 2019

Due to health and Safety, we will be making some changes from September 2019:

**Bags and equipment** - Please only buy a **book bag** for your child as we will not be allowing big rucksacks into school as we do not have the room to safely store them.

Children are provided with all equipment and therefore pencil cases are not needed.

**PE** - Children will come into school in their **school uniform every day**. They will need to bring their PE kit into school in a **draw string bag** as these can easily be hung on pegs.

We ask that they bring their kit in on a Monday and take it home to be washed on a Friday. Please see the uniform list as correct PE kit is required.

#### EYFS Uniform

Children in Nursery and Reception do not need to wear a shirt and tie, they can wear a white school polo shirt.

#### Term Time Holidays

We will be following government procedure for holidays. This means that if you take your child out of school for holidays then **there is a high possibility that you will be fined**. Please consider this before booking any holidays during term time.

#### SMART children are SMART learners.

We understand that sometimes, shoes break and ties can be lost. However, it is really important to us that children remain smart at all times.

From September we will have some uniform in stock which children will be expected to wear for the day should they not have the correct uniform.

Trainers – will be changed for black pumps

Ties – will be loaned for the day

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### SMART children are SMART learners continued

PE Kit – white T-shirts and black shorts/leggings/tracksuits will be expected. If children wear the wrong colour or do not have kit then we will loan them clean kit for the lesson. All items will be left in school at the end of the day.

#### Morning Entrances

**Reception and Nursery** – will enter the building from their playgrounds and adults will be by the doors.

**Years 1,2,3 and 4** will enter through the main doors on the KS1 playground.

**Years 5 and 6** will enter through the Community Library door.

Mrs Williams (our new Home School Link Worker) and a member of Senior Leadership will be out in the mornings for you to speak to.

### Classes and Adults for September 2019

**Nursery (Mrs Hobbs to oversee the unit)**

**Early Years Lead Practitioner - Miss Green**

**Early Years Practitioners: Mrs Cooper and Mrs Homer**  
**Reception**

**Teacher - Mr Stronge,**

**EY Practitioners - Mrs Parker-Bowen and Mrs Keogh**  
**Year 1 –**

**Teacher – Miss Clarke**

**Learning Support – Mrs Birchall**

**Year 2 –**

**Teacher – Mrs Lewis**

**Learning Support – Mrs Dean and Mrs Tomkinson**  
**Year 3–**

**Teacher – Mrs Taylor**

**Learning Support – Mrs Richardson and Mrs Maltby**  
**Year 4 –**

**Teacher – Miss Drew**

**Learning Support – Mrs Hampson**  
**Year 5 –**

**Teacher – Mrs Eptlett**

**Learning Support – Mrs Bithell**

**Year 6 –**

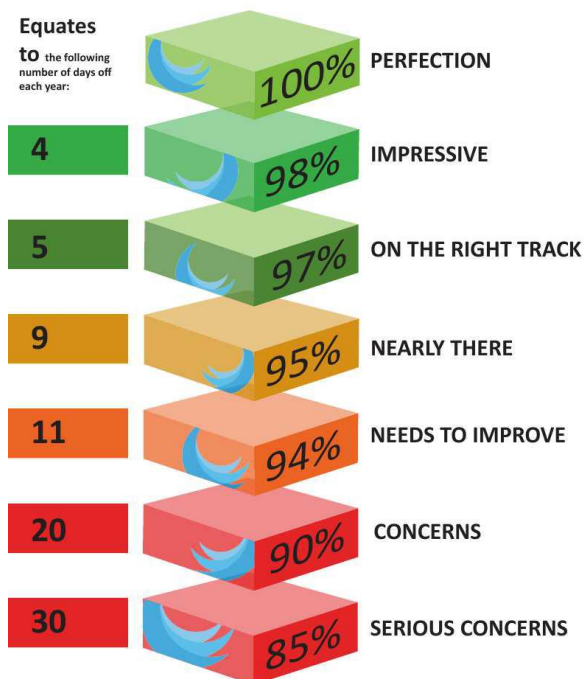
**Teacher – Mr Battrick**

**Learning Support – Mrs Andrews**

# ATTENDANCE



Equates  
to the following  
number of days off  
each year:



From September 2019 we will be introducing the Attendance Ladder.

All attendance will be measured using the percentages on the ladder. At the end of each term children will be able to collect badges and certificates to celebrate impressive and perfect attendance.

At the end of the year – July 2019 there will be a special prize for all children with a full year 100% attendance. There will be the same incentive for Summer 2020. There will be other prizes for the children to gather each term if they have attendance that is on track or better.

School reports are also out today – the staff have worked really hard with your children this year and the reports are lovely.

As I read through them, there was a definite link between the amount of progress a child makes and their attendance in school. Even one day absent can make a difference.

There was also a definite link between reading at home and reading attainment. Please encourage your children to read over the summer holiday – perhaps a visit to the library to do the summer challenge might be a lovely way to spend a morning.

**We need your help!**

## Governors

We are still looking for parent governors to come and support our leadership team. If you are interested and would like some further information, please pop in to see me.

**Mrs Wildman**

**It's a Girl!**

**Congratulations to Mrs Turner who had a baby girl last week.**

We work really hard to make sure that we provide your child with the very best experiences at Star Academy. However, there may be a time when you are unhappy about the provision and would like to make a complaint.

There is a copy of our complaint's procedure on our website

<http://staracademy.attrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Complaints-Procedure.pdf>

We hope that you never need to use it!

## Foodbank Vouchers

Did you know that we have vouchers for the foodbank?

If we can help, please come in and ask one of us.

