

STAR ACADEMY SANDYFORD Newsletter



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DIARY DATES

Friday 22nd November – Non-uniform day – please donate chocolate
Friday 29th November - Non-uniform day – please donate luxury Christmas items or bottles
Tuesday 6th December – Christmas Treat - Year 1- Year 6 trip to the New Vic Theatre
Thursday 12th December – POLLING DAY _ ACADEMY CLOSED
Monday 16th December EYFS and KS1 Nativity – showings at 9:30am, 2pm and 5:30pm
Tuesday 17th December – Nursery and Reception trips to The New Vic Theatre Tale Trail
Wednesday 18th December – Dress up for Christmas day (jumpers dresses, etc) – donations to Save the Children and PTFA and Christmas dinner day.
Wednesday 18th December KS2 Carol Concert pm – Uniform please
Thursday 19th December – Christmas party day – party clothes to be worn
Friday 20th December – UNIFORM TO BE WORN PLEASE for carols around the tree.
- Last day of term

Class Dojo results October 2019

Nursery	1710	13
Reception	1505	11
Year 1	2940	17
Year 2	2226	22
Year 3	3165	4 winners
Year 4	3044	10
Year 5	2677	13
Year 6	2989	29
Total	20,226	119

Dear Parents and friends of Star Academy,

Already this year, the children have had wonderful learning experiences both in and outside of the Academy. We have planned a range of trips and visitors throughout the year which will bring the learning alive for the children.

A few of you have spoken to me about the Polling day on December 12th for the General Election. Unfortunately, at the moment, we do not have a choice about the Academy being used and therefore, due to safeguarding, we will be closed on that day. I am working really hard to try to get the venue changed for future voting.

As you know, we are going to establish a Parent Council to help us with ideas for the Academy, there will be more information coming soon. However, we still need parent governors to come and help oversee the running of the Academy. The PTFA are also looking for new members. If you would like to support the Academy in any way, please do get in touch.

We are coming up to winter and have lots of lovely events planned some of which will be outside. Please make sure that your children have a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves during the cold weather.

Thank you to all the parents who came in to share our reading lessons. I hope that this was a positive experience for you. Our next shared learning events will be after Christmas – please make sure you are linked to Class Dojo to find out more.

Keeping our children safe online is an area that we all worry about as it is constantly changing. We are buying in resources to help make sure that we keep up to date with all the changes. There will be an online session for parents which we will let you know about as soon as we have the details.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs K Wildman

Head of Academy

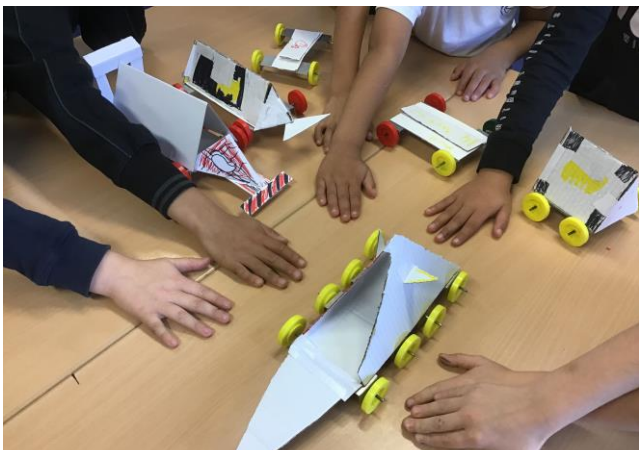
Thank you

for your generosity at Harvest.



Have you accessed our free Holiday club yet?

Look out for details of the next club with the Hubb foundation. They offer a range of activities and a free lunch.



★ Our STAR values: ★

★ Smart
Tolerant
Ambitious
Resilient

★ Desire to learn:
learn to achieve



If you are in need of any hygiene products, please call in and see Mrs Williams who will make a quick and very discreet call to the hygiene bank on your behalf. They will deliver a bag of goodies to the Academy and we will pass them on to you as soon as they arrive, no questions asked.

Foodbank Vouchers

Did you know that we have vouchers for the foodbank?

If we can help, please ask any staff member and they will help you to get the support that you need.

NON – UNIFORM DAYS

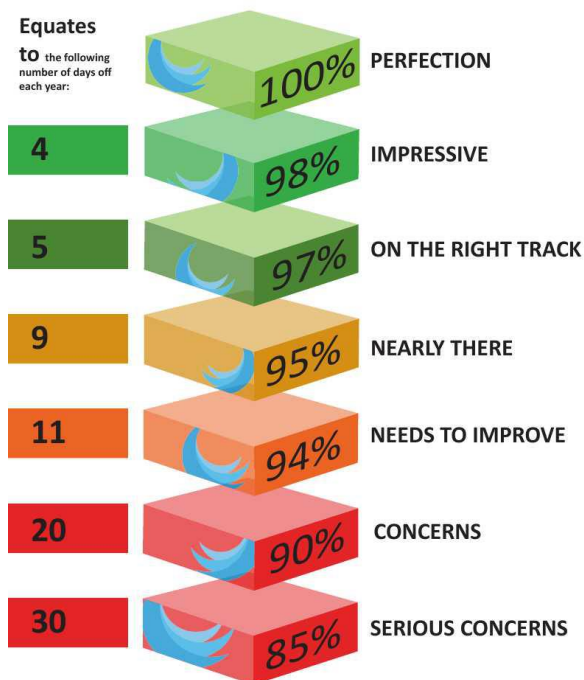
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ATTENDANCE



Equates
to the following
number of days off
each year:



Class	% attendance
Nursery	96.4
Reception	87.98
Year 1	95.18
Year 2	94.21
Year 3	97.92
Year 4	94.13
Year 5	94.46
Year 6	95.72

Congratulations
to
Year 3
For having the
best attendance
for
October



EVERY SESSION COUNTS

12 unauthorised sessions, which includes holidays, **will** result in a fine. If you need help with your child's attendance, please pop in to see our Mrs Williams our Home School Link Worker



Year 4 Superstars at Bradwell's got Talent with Miss Ruth our dance teacher.

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.atttrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Complaints-Procedure.pdf>

We hope that you never need to use it.

SAFEGUARDING

Did you know that there is a website with everything you need to know about keeping children safe and what to do if you are worried about a child and need to ask advice?

www.safeguardingchildren.stoke.gov.uk

What are we working to improve at Star Academy this academic year?

1) Teaching and learning (in particular writing) making sure that there is challenge and support in all lessons so that all children make good progress with an exciting curriculum.

So far we have:

- Reviewed and updated the reading, writing and maths sequences to make sure that the teaching is always effective and that the learning is always good;
- Updated the reading scheme to make sure that the books are right for the younger readers;
- Bought resources so that our teaching of maths is as practical as we can make it.
- Revised the curriculum so that the wider curriculum is engaging and purposeful, allowing the children to find out what they love to do;
- Renewed the SEND system so that it is easy for all children with special needs to access the support they need in the Academy.

2) Raising the attendance of children in the Academy so that children do not have gaps in their learning.

So far we have:

- changed the behaviour system so that behaviour in the Academy is always at least good;
- made sure that the curriculum encourages children to always want to attend school;
- employed a new Home School Link Worker to support parents in the community;
- changed our Educational Welfare Service to ensure support with attendance for all;
- implemented a new rewards procedure for children with excellent and 100% attendance.

3) Raising aspirations by allowing children to feel part of their community and know about the world beyond it.

So far we have:

- changed the curriculum so that we can easily teach about the community and beyond;
- arranged an enrichment passport so that children can gather a wealth of experiences and opportunities while at Star Academy Sandyford.

4) Improving the leadership and management of the Academy

So far we have:

- made opportunities for parents to come and see life inside the Academy;
- started the process of arranging a Parent Council;
- put training in place for subject leaders so the teaching of all subjects is the best that it can be;
- senior leaders are carrying out their own further studies to ensure that the ideas used in the Academy are up to date and right for the children.

