

STAR ACADEMY SANDYFORD Newsletter



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DIARY DATES

Monday 3rd February – Author Stewart Foster in to work with Years 5 and 6
 Monday 3rd February – Creative Flamingo in to work with Y3 and Y4 – Ancient Greek pots
 Monday 3rd February – Y4 Times table workshop with Mr Stronge 3:30-4:00pm
 Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet day
 Wednesday 12th February – Parents' Consultation Evening
 Thursday 13th February Valentines' Disco
 Friday 14th February **ACADEMY CLOSED - INSET AND FOR HALF TERM**
 Monday 24th February – **ACADEMY REOPENS** – Parents' reading workshop
 Thursday 5th March – World Book day
 Friday 6th March – **NON** – Uniform day – chocolate donations please
 Tuesday 10th March Parents' online safety workshops
 Friday 13th March – **RED NOSE DAY**
 Wednesday 18th March - Parents' Sex and Relationships education workshops
 Thursday 19th March - **BINGO!!!!**
 Thursday 26th March - Parents' **PREVENT** training workshop
 Wednesday 1st April - Early Years Easter Bonnet Parade

Dojo results NOV / DEC 2019

Nursery	2121	7
Reception	3000	20
Year 1	6017	32
Year 2	6883	29
Year 3	1937	4
Year 4	5755	32
Year 5	5051	69
Year 6	3803	25
Total	34,567	186

Well done to Year 4 who had a proportionally higher number of Green dojos.

Dear Parents and Friends of Star Academy,

May I begin with a belated Happy New Year. We have been back already for four weeks and the time is flying by.

Thank you to the parents who have attended our parents' workshops for phonics and maths. We hope that you have found them useful. We have further workshops planned and we will aim to get the dates to you as soon as possible so that you can arrange to be there if you wish to. The aim of the sessions is to keep you up to date and let you see how you can support your child's learning at home.

Our staff are busy arranging further visits and trips which will be added to future newsletters and letters sent out to parents. Our plans are to go paperless by the end of this academic year. Once we have done the preparation, all letters will be sent via Class Dojo or email, please look out for our data requests so that we can ensure that you get all the information that you need.

POLITE NOTICE - PARKING

We know that the parking around the Academy is awful but we do ask you to be kind and considerate towards each other and our neighbours. Please do not park over their driveways. As the weather warms and the nights get lighter, maybe we could encourage more of you to walk to school or park a little further away.

We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning which we know will be supported by you. Homework will continue to be spelling shed and maths shed and of course the most important – reading. We are working hard to improve reading for all children in the Academy, but the children who make the most progress are those who share books with parents at home. Watch out for the reading workshop on the first Monday back after half- term, it would be great to see you there.

Mrs K Wildman

Principal

Breakfast Club

Thank you for being so supportive around the changes to Breakfast Club. It is much improved as we are able to staff safely and the staff are free to play and engage with the children rather than cook as the food is prepared for the exact numbers

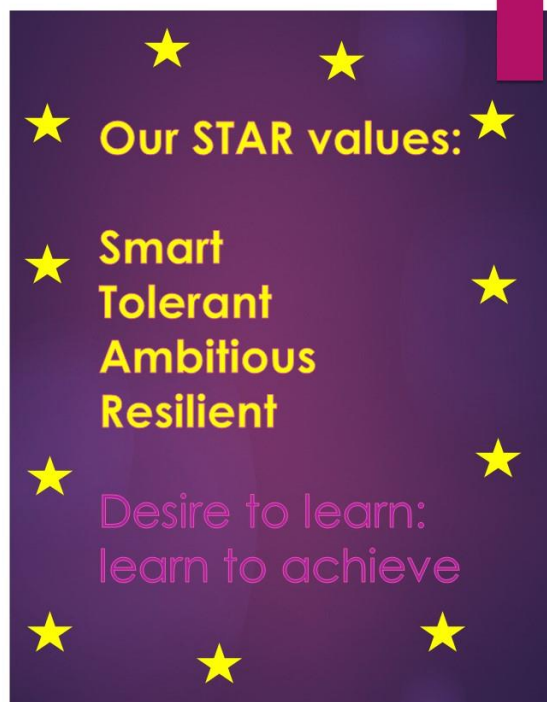
Breakfast club is now open from 7:30am.

8am-8:50am - £2:00

7:30am - 8:50am - £3.00

Please prebook and pay in advance on School Money.

Please note: Children arriving before 8:30am without an adult will be taken into breakfast club and there will be a fee of £2.00 added to the parent's account.



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.

Safeguarding

Worried about how to keep your children safe online?

Access the National Online safety course for parents of Star Academy Sandyford here;

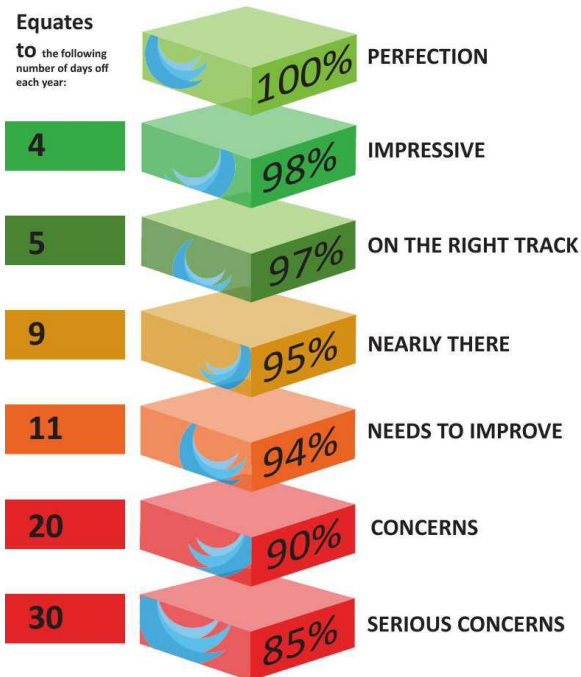
<https://lms.nationalonlinesafety.com/school/Staracademysandyford>



ATTENDANCE



Equates
to the following
number of days off
each year:



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.



EMPLOYER RECOGNITION SCHEME

BRONZE AWARD

Proudly supporting those who serve.

Class	% attendance
Nursery	93.2
Reception	87.8
Year 1	93
Year 2	94.8
Year 3	95.9
Year 4	95.7
Year 5	96.9
Year 6	93.7

**Congratulations
to
Year 5 for having
the best
attendance in
December 2019**



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

Absence procedures

Please make sure that you contact the Academy every day during your child's absence. We have a legal duty of care to follow up if we do not receive a call to provide us with a reason for your child being off school.

If we have not been provided with a reason for absence the following takes place:-

- Call to parents and if no response then calls to all other contacts.
- Text message to parents.
- If no response then request Educational Welfare Officer to do a home visit.
- Designated Safeguarding Lead and Home School Link Worker advised.
- On pupil's return to school a letter will be sent home requesting reason for absence slip to be completed and returned.

