

Diamond Academy Newsletter



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Happy New Year

We wish to take the opportunity to wish everybody a Happy New Year.

We have another very busy term ahead of us and so we hope the children enjoyed their lovely, restful Christmas holiday. We would just like to remind everybody that we have an open door policy here at Diamond, so if you need to talk to us about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us and a member of the senior leadership team will make every effort to see you. We can be contacted by phone on 01842 752387 or via email at office@diamond.atrust.org.uk.

Assembly

We wanted to say a big thank-you to all the parents that attended our Christmas Assembly on Friday 16th December. It was lovely to see so many of you celebrating your child's achievements with us. The children had worked so hard during the first term and this was reflected in the amount of certificates and prizes given out. Well done!

Music Lessons

Music lessons begin again week commencing Monday 9th January 2017.

If you have not settled your music invoice from last term, then unfortunately your child will no longer be able to continue with their lessons.

If you no longer wish for your child to continue with their music lesson for this half-term, please let the office know by Monday 9th January so we can cancel their lesson. If the lessons are not cancelled at the beginning of a new half-term, then there is a 6 week notice period.

Uniform

Our expectation on uniform is very clear, (please see attached our uniform policy).

A number of children are attending school in unsuitable footwear, i.e. trainers and coloured footwear. If there is a medical reason for doing so, then please provide your child with a doctor's note. If not, children should wear black sensible shoes.

There are also a number of children who do not have a tie. Please ensure your child wears their tie and if they do not have one, then these are available to purchase at the office for £4.00.

Any failure to adhere to our uniform expectations, will result in your child spending time out of their break times in the thinking room.

We currently have a number of children with attendance below 90% which is unacceptable. Mrs Belham will be sending out attendance panel meetings invitations over the next few weeks. These meetings are an opportunity for you to come and discuss your child's attendance. If you choose not to attend the meeting, it will still go ahead in your absence. If your child's attendance does not improve following the meeting, then you may be referred to Norfolk County Council which could result in prosecution.

Diamond Academy are committed to ensuring that every child reaches their full potential and achieves the very best they possibly can, and their attendance plays a big part in ensuring this. Please can you ensure your child attends unless they are medically unable to, and do not book any holidays in term-time.

Please also ensure that routine medical appointments are booked outside of school hours, and if you do have medical appointments during school hours, please provide us with a medical appointment card as without this, it will be recorded as unauthorised.

If your child is not going to be attending the academy, please ensure you contact us by 9.30am either by telephone on 01842 752387 (please select child absence) or via email to kbelham@diamondacademy.net. If we do not hear from parents by 9.30am and we have to contact you for a reason, then this will result in the absence also being recorded as unauthorised, and long-term this could also result in a prosecution.

If your child is late, this may also be marked as unauthorised.

We want to help and support you in ensuring your child's attendance is the very best it can possibly be, and we can only do this with your support at home.

If your child has only 80% attendance over their 11 years at school, they would miss out on over two year's education!

Class Attendance for week 12/12/16 – 16/12/16

Griffin – 93.8%	Hippogriff – 97.1%
Sphinx – 94.0%	Unicorn – 84.2%
Centaur – 91.9%	Dragon – 81.7%
Pegasus – 92.9%	Phoenix – 91.9%

Class Attendance for week 03/01/17 – 06/01/17

Griffin – 93.8%	Hippogriff – 87.5%
Sphinx – 90.0%	Unicorn – 91.9%
Centaur – 88%	Dragon – 92.7%
Pegasus – 89.3%	Phoenix – 85.2%