

# Diamond Academy Newsletter



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## Hard Work

We wish to take the opportunity to say a big **Well Done** to everybody at the Academy for their continued hard work. The children are working very hard and a special mention to our Year 6's who have begun their SAT's revision already. Well done everybody!

## Disco

We are pleased to announce we have a Disco on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

If you have not already purchased a ticket, please come into the office and do so. These are £1 per child.

If your child has not purchased a ticket by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, then unfortunately they will be unable to attend.

Crisps, lollies, glow jewellery and soft drinks will be available to purchase on the night for 50p each, so please send your child with a named purse.

## Uniform

There are a number of children who are still attending the academy in unsuitable footwear, i.e. 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. Trainers are acceptable, but only if they are completely black.

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.

We also have a number of jumpers and cardigans in lost property with no names, please come into the office to see if you can locate your child's missing uniform.

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

## Music Lessons

If you have not paid for your child's music lessons for this half-term, please ensure you do so by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Anybody with unpaid lessons at the end of next week, will not be able to continue their music lessons after the half-term break.

If you no longer wish for your child to continue with their music lesson for next half-term, please let the office know by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February so we can cancel their lesson. If the lessons are not cancelled at the beginning of a new half-term, there is a 6 week notice period.

We still have a number of children with attendance below our academy target of 95%. 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 could you ensure you send your child to the academy unless they are very poorly. Children are able to attend with the following ailments: colds and coughs, tiredness, headaches and tummy aches. If you are unsure of whether or not your child should attend, please contact the office to check. 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](mailto:kbelham@diamondacademy.net). If your child is late, or if we do not hear from parents by 9.30am with a genuine reason for absence, then this could result in the absence being un-authorised. We also will not accept ill, feels poorly, unwell or sick as reasons for absence. If your child's attendance results in 15% of un-authorised absences over a 6 week period, we will be referring them to the ASEO, which unfortunately could lead to a prosecution. We take our duty of safeguarding very seriously, so therefore if we have not had a reason for absence, we will be undertaking home visits at 10am every day. We are here 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. Thank you.

## Dinner Monies

If your child wishes to order a school dinner, please ensure payment is made either weekly in advance or on the day. Any pupil who does not have money in advance, will not be provided with a lunch and we will contact you to bring a dinner in to the academy. We have a number of dinner debts outstanding which must be settled by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Any child with an outstanding dinner balance at the end of this half-term, will be unable to order any dinners when we return on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you.

## Football

If your child wishes to take part in football at lunchtimes, please ensure they have a change of footwear. They will be unable to take part without them. Thank you.

## Dates for your diary

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 5.00 – 6.15pm – School Disco Years 3 & 4

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 6.40 – 8.00pm – School Disco Years 5 & 6

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – February half-term (Return Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February)

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 – Dentist Years 3 & 4

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 – Year 6 Kingswood final payment due

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Break (Return Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April)