

# Diamond Academy Newsletter



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## Half-term

We would like to wish everybody a happy and restful half-term. We have all been working incredibly hard and are in need of a rest to recharge our batteries so we come back refreshed. There will be homework going home with the children so do make sure this is completed and ensure they keep reading. Please note that we return on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**.

## NHS Height/Weight check for Year 6

The nurses were very pleased with the number of children taking part in the height and weight check yesterday. And they also commented on the good behaviour of our pupils whilst taking part, so I would like to say thank you to Year 6.

## Ofsted

As you are aware, we had an inspection visit from Ofsted earlier on this month. We have not received the report yet, but we will hopefully be able to report this to you after the half-term.

## Attendance

Despite numerous previous requests, we are still encountering a number of parents who are not contacting us to report their child absent from the academy. Should you fail to call on the first day of absence by 9.30am, this will be recorded as un-authorised and we may conduct home visits if we feel there is a concern. There are many ways in which you can contact us to report your child's absence, via telephone using the absence option on 01842 752387, via email at [office@diamond.atrust.org.uk](mailto:office@diamond.atrust.org.uk) or via the parentmail app available online.

We are also still receiving messages of my child is "ill", "sick" or "doesn't feel very well". These are unacceptable reasons for absence. We need detailed reasons such as "vomiting" or "chest infection" for example, or they will be also be marked as un-authorised.

We are very pleased with the take up of our new reading program “Lexia Reading Core5”. If you have not yet signed up for this service, please come into the office where we can give you the relevant details.

## School shoes

There are a number of children who are still not wearing correct footwear. Please ensure you purchase your child a pair of shoes over the break that form part of the academy’s uniform policy. We will be making your child change their shoes if they are not wearing the correct footwear.

## Ties

There are lots of children who do not wear a tie. This is also part of our uniform policy and we have been lending children ties repeatedly for weeks. This is unacceptable, so therefore please ensure that if your son or daughter does not have a tie, please come into the office to purchase one for £4.00. Thank you.

## Overdue library books

There are a number of library books still outstanding despite a reminder letter being sent out earlier on this week. Please ensure you either return the book or pay for the outstanding amount if it is lost. It costs the academy a massive amount of money to replace books that are lost, and we will not be able to keep updating the library with new books, so please bear this in mind.

## Music lessons

The outstanding invoices for music lessons have been sent home. Please ensure these are paid for as soon as possible. If you have not paid in full for your child’s music lessons by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, then they will not be continuing. Thank you.

## Class Attendance for week 10/10/16 – 14/10/16

Griffin – 100%

Hippogriff – 98.5%

Sphinx – 98%

Unicorn – 99%

Centaur – 95.4%

Dragon – 97.1%

Pegasus – 95.2%

Phoenix – 98.5%