

Diamond Academy Newsletter



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Introduction

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everybody back from the summer break. We hope you enjoyed your time off and were well rested for the return to the academy. In our first newsletter, we would like to remind you of what the Academy expects in some areas from you and your children.

We would like to welcome the following staff members to our team:

Miss Wittchow, Miss Schneller, Miss Birello and Miss Stopher who all joined us at the start of term.

Mr Bear (my assistant) and I are really pleased with how well the students have settled in to their new classes, and would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and let you know that we offer an open door policy here. Should you have any questions or you would like to talk to us about anything, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards

Karen Hammond
Executive Principal

Lexia Reading Core5

We have begun using a new reading program called “Lexia Reading Core5”. This is a web-based program that provides the targeted practice and instruction that our pupils need to develop their reading skills. To make the best use of this program, we would like all pupils to use it at home. If you have not yet signed up for this service, please come into the office where we can give you the relevant details. We would really appreciate your support with this program but as it corrects the children, this is one piece of homework we would ask you not to help them complete.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We have a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday at 2.30pm. We will be raising money by charging a £1 entrance fee which will include a tea or coffee, and we will be selling cakes and extra drinks too. Please do support this worthy cause by coming along and enjoying some time with your child. We look forward to seeing you all there.

If you have not already done so, please contact your child's teacher for dojo log in details. The class dojo provides parents with a great way of keeping up with the things your child has achieved during the day, as well as notifying you when they slip below the expected learning behaviours.

Attendance

Our attendance percentage is already lower than what is expected. Please ensure you arrange any holidays to be taken out of term time where possible. Please also ensure you contact the academy before 9am on the first day of any sickness absence, outlining a genuine reason for this; "Ill" and "feels poorly" are not sufficient reasons.

You can contact the academy by telephone on 01842 752387, email at office@diamond.attrust.org.uk or via the parentmail app if you have it. If you do not inform the academy of your child's absence, it will be recorded as un-authorised.

School Uniform

There are no excuses for your child wearing clothes that do not form part of our uniform policy (please see attached). Any child not wearing the correct uniform will be sent home to change.

School Meals

If you are not entitled to free school meals, please ensure you pay for your child's dinners in advance. We will not be providing any child with a school dinner without payment in advance from Monday 3rd October. If your child orders a lunch without payment, you will be telephoned to arrange a packed lunch to be brought in. There are already a number of dinner debts. A letter will be sent home on Friday with your outstanding balance, please arrange payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

Music Lessons

The academy are very fortunate to be offering reduced cost music lessons through Thetford Music Project. The cost of these lessons is £5 per week for a shared lesson or £10 per week for an individual lesson. If your child is interested in commencing music lessons, please see the office for an application form.

For those already taking part in music lessons, please ensure you pay for your child's music lessons every week without fail or these will be stopped! These are an addition to your child's education and they are already being heavily subsidised by the academy.

Please also bear in mind that if your child wishes to stop their lessons, there is a 6 week notice period. Please bear this in mind when deciding whether to begin.