



# HAZEL LEYS ACADEMY

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Dear All,

Wow another busy term. I always feel like I am repeating myself when I write that - but it is true! We have all worked incredibly hard and we will continue to do so for the coming year. Your support is very much appreciated.

Reading, as you know, is our focus - please make sure you hear your child read as often as possible. Talk about what they have read and explain any new words. We need high quality adult-child interactions as these are so important. They are sometimes described as **talking with children** rather than **just talking to children**. There is a subtle difference, if we get it right we know that it will help children to improve their own reading skills.

Each child has been gifted a book by the academy - most children came into the book fair to choose their own book. For those that didn't come in we have chosen a book that we will give to them. We would like you to look at the book chosen and ask your child about their choice, or why they think we have chosen the book - what attracted them/us to it and can we build on this to create a favourite type of book or author. Have they read books with similar content? Lots of questions to ask all with the aim of children becoming avid book readers.

Mrs Albert is working closely with Miss Celebicanin (Literacy Leaders) to improve our literacy offer. We want our children to be the best they can be. We will be part of Greenwood Academy Trust Reading Project and also the Local Authority Reading Hub. Our training day in November will focus on all aspects of literacy and teachers and teaching assistants will receive refresher training for writing and reading. We will be introducing a new spelling programme and we have invested in a new reading scheme that will support our existing one. Exciting times.

Homework - research by the Education Endowment Foundation states that the *best support for children is to help your child set goals, plan and manage their time and emotions. This type of support can help children to regulate their own learning, and will often be more valuable than direct help with homework tasks.* Clearly if your child gets 'stuck' with their homework they will need guidance as to how to work out the answer. Our younger children will need more direction and help to develop learning habits - our older children are already using some of these strategies in lessons and can build on these for their homework.

We will be having some changes in staffing in Year 5. Our fabulous Golden Eagle, Mrs Gibb, will be leaving us at the end of this term. We have appointed a new teacher to join our team - We wish Mrs Gibb all the very best for the future. We will miss her! We are confident that you will give a warm welcome to Miss Hannah.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share that this will be my last year at Hazel Leys Academy. I have been so lucky to be part of the Hazel Leys Academy community. I will be retiring at the end of the academic year. I am confident that Greenwood Academy Trust will find the perfect person to replace me.

Thank you to all those that attended parent meetings - if you are unsure about what your child's next steps are or how to help at home please do come in and talk to your child's classteacher. They will be able to answer any questions.

Let's continue to think and work hard and keep children at the centre of all that we do.

Mrs Inga Bain (Principal)

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## Dates for the Diary

We will be sharing dates in the diary on our website in 'calendar' and also on What's On? We share lots of events and information on our Twitter page. Please follow us.

### **Class Assemblies:**

Parents are invited to their child's class assembly. At these assemblies we will also invite parents of children who are receiving awards. Assemblies start at 9.00 a.m.

November 15th Year 1 Class Assembly

November 22nd Year 3 Class Assembly

November 29th Year 2 Class Assembly

December 6th Year 5 Assembly

December 13th Award Assembly

### **Back to School Tuesday 5th November**

November 5th KS1 Super Hero Day

November 8th World Science Day

November 11th to 15th Anti bullying week

November 11th Remembrance Day Academy Council Assembly

November 15th Children in Need

November 18th Road Safety Week

November 20th Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day

November 26th Year 3 Chocolate Workshop

November 26th Year 5 Polar Explorer Workshop

November 28th Parent Art and Craft, come in to school to help make decorations

December 9th Sleeping Beauty Pantomime for all children

December 10th Reception Christmas Play 1.30 pm.

December 11th Reception Christmas Play 9.30 am

December 13th Christmas Jumper Day

December 16th Christmas lunch day

December 17th KS2 Christmas Carols

December 18th Year 2 Nativity 9.30am

### **December 20th last day of term**

**Off site visits please look at weather forecasts and make sure your child is wearing suitable clothing.**

#### **Harvest Food Donations**

Many thanks for all the food donations in aid of Corby Food Bank—The food bank have weighed our donations and they come to a whopping 249kg.

#### **Macmillan Cake Sale**

The phenomenal amount of £161.40 was raised.

#### **Road Safety**

This is a polite reminder to all parents who drive their child to and from school. Please be considerate when parking. Parking should only be in laybys or in the community carpark behind the community centre. We have improved all areas within the academy to minimise the risk to children and adults of cars and car parking. We will always contact the police when we have reports of unsafe, double parking or aggressive behaviour.

#### **Keeping fit and Active**

We have a running track, football pitch, basketball court and equipment to keep children active every playtime. In addition to this:

Children have access to a range of keeping fit and active activities

Monday - a specialist sports' coach supports lunchtime activity, training children to become better at ball skills

Monday - Netball Team after school

Monday - Dodge ball after school

Wednesday - Table tennis

Thursday - Lunchtime 'Mad to Perform' dance teacher works with children to develop dance moves

Sports Crew from Year 5 will be trained to lead lunchtime activities

Swimming - Year 5 attend swimming lessons every Wednesday