

# THE PREMIER ACADEMY



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Dear Parents/Carers

### Academy Calendar

The calendar of up-coming events for Learning Block 8 is now available and will be uploaded to ParentMail as a separate link.

### Charging Issues – School Dinners

Thank you to the many parents who have now adjusted to the routine of paying for school meals in advance by the Tuesday of the previous week. Parents can pay via ParentMail or via the Atrium and a copy of the lunch menu is readily available from the Atrium for reference.

To reiterate the policy: If a child comes to school without a packed lunch or a pre-paid lunch a daily **£5.00 surcharge** will be levied against the account to cover the cost of providing the school meal and administration. Therefore in the event that £11.00 isn't paid during the week before your child has dinner this amount will increase to £25.00 for the week. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly.

### Book Fair

Despite losing two days of opening due to the weather, the Book Fair still managed to bring in £1,277.21 in commission for us to spend on books and I can confirm that our Librarian, Marian, has already ordered a whole range of books to support both the reading scheme and the books available for booking out of the Library. Thank you to all who made this possible through their purchases.

### Spring Fair

The Spring Fair was a great success with lots of very positive feedback from children about the fun they had and how much they enjoyed spending their own money and the TPA bank notes. Thanks again for the great support provided by parents and carers. We made £946.62 which will go towards the TPA Academy Council initiatives and the Year 6 children raised £104.80 for Barnardo's from their book sale.

### Extra Curricula Clubs

We have reviewed our club offer for the Summer Term and spoken to all children from Year 1 upwards about availability. If your child has expressed an interest in joining any particular club or clubs, a ParentMail letter will have been sent out to you yesterday. Please ensure that all replies are made by Monday 9 April as we will **not** be chasing permission and **cannot accept** your child to a club without it.

### Food Bank

Another regular School Council initiative is collecting donations to the Food Bank. Following our recent collection, we were able to send multiple crates loaded with donations so thank you very much for all donations made. We do have families who have had need on occasion to use the service themselves and if you know of a family who finds themselves in this position then the Helpas Hub can provide details of access arrangements.

## **Battery Recycling**

We have signed up to a scheme for recycling batteries and your child will be bringing a box home for you to collect them in before bringing them in to school. Please just send the box back in at any time.

## **Digital By Default**

As mentioned in the last letter to parents, from August 2018 TPA will be using ParentMail and email for all communications. We have taken this action because of a personal request made to me from Halle in Year 5 for TPA to become more environmentally friendly. LTPs will also be posted on the website and texts will be sent to highlight that a letter has been posted. We will attempt to give more payment options via ParentMail and even use the app to book parents' evenings and make appointments with staff. There will inevitably be some paper still used by us, however our initial target is to reduce the amount of paper by 25% therefore saving 20 trees.

## **Parent Workshops**

Thank you to the parents who completed our questionnaire which asked for preferred times for us to offer the workshops. Interestingly, there was a very even spread of days and times that parents are available with no peaks so we will continue with a 9.00am-10.00am slot, although we will move to a Wednesday.

The next two sessions will focus on an area that is very much in the news currently: mental health. On Wednesday 18 April, we have a session entitled Positive Mental Health, providing an introductory overview. This will be followed by Supporting Anxious Children on Wednesday 2 May. The sessions are open to all parents / carers.

## **End of Learning Block 7**

Finally we would like to remind you that the last day of Learning Block 7 is **today**.

We return to the Academy on **Monday 9 April**. Academy holiday dates for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 can be viewed online at [www.tpamk.co.uk](http://www.tpamk.co.uk) or on the TPA app, alternatively, please feel free to collect a copy from the Atrium.

Yours sincerely



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