



THE PREMIER ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

What A Year!

Well what can I say? Best school in Milton Keynes? Absolutely! Waiting list in every year? Absolutely! You know you're good when the council forbids you from taking any more children because of the risk to other schools! I'm not going to bore you on the last day about our successes but I will in September. However I have asked for a montage of the 'year in pics' to be put on the website just in case any of you get a spare 10 minutes over the holiday. I am also trying to get the best and worst of TPA's Got Talent to be put on there!

Did you know that: our children have performed live on TV this year? That they have performed live on radio? That we were nominated as the best school in the country for music? That we're the only school with a ten year award for Quality Mark? That our work is being buried on the moon? That we represented GB in a worldwide operatic event? That 300 children learn a musical instrument or that 480 participated in an extra curricula club? That nearly everyone went horse riding or tobogganing? And that I have the best group of people working with me that anyone could ever ask for?

I wouldn't say that we are the best team in the town but I'd definitely put us in the top one!

Whoops I think I may just have bored you!

TPA Calendar

Mufti Day (£1 to TPA charities) and Last Day of Learning Block 1	Friday 21 July
Start of Learning Block 2	Wednesday 30 August
Scholastic Book Fair	Thursday 14 – Tuesday 19 September
End of Learning Block 2	Friday 22 September
Start of Learning Block 3	Monday 2 October

Sports Days and BBQ

Thank you to all the parents who made time to join us on either or both days – we were lucky with the weather and had two very successful and enjoyable events. The BBQ made £1027 profit over the two days, which we donated, to the School Council.

Final House Totals

Score	Score	Score	Score
13975	14355	13858	14616

Congratulations to Blue House for winning the overall cup this year! We have had some fabulous competitions as well as lots of weekly house points awarded throughout the year for helpful and positive behaviour around the Academy.

TPA's Got Talent

Congratulations to Marcia Watson from Yellow House who was this year's winner with an outstanding gymnastics routine that had the audience gasping in awe. I still think I gave her a run for her money!

E-Safety

I am pleased to report that the police have now been in to school to do some work with our older children.

If you have not done so already, the summer break is a great time to introduce the recommendation that children's electronic devices be charged overnight away from children as only that way can you be certain that they are not online late into the night!

Please look out for the training which will be offered in the new academic year on how to set restrictions to individual devices via your home router.

Summer Holiday Homework Challenges

As detailed in homework books this week, we are challenging the KS2 children to learn their times tables up to 12x12 over the holidays ready for a competition with other classes, and challenging the younger children to be confident with their number pairs to 10 and 20.

We have also set a reading challenge, for all children to read and review a minimum of 3 books.

I hope that parents will encourage children to meet these challenges as they are key foundations for all learning.

Active Summer Shots

Jason and Alex are keen to know all about any fun family active events that you participate in during the holidays so please send in a photo of your active times (such as bike rides, mountain climbing, tennis...) to share with us and let us know if you are happy for us to keep it to create a display. It would be great if your child could also write a little caption or recount to go with it.

Music Instrument Lessons

We have an excellent programme of peripatetic music lessons available to children from Year 2 upwards who are able to learn to play from a selection of: guitar, keyboards, brass, flute or violin. The cost of just £55 per term and there is still time to book for lessons from September. A deposit of £20 per instrument is required to confirm your child's place. Please speak to Sarah in the Atrium if you would like to know more.

Extra Curricula Clubs

We will re-launch extra curricula clubs in August to begin in September. Full details will follow in Learning Block 2.

Stage Sets

For those of you who were lucky enough to attend last night's Leavers' Performance and Awards Ceremony you will no doubt have been blown away by the stage sets. These were very kindly subsidised to the Academy by Jessica's father who works for Greenshires Group, a Leicester based printing company.

School Uniform

On our return to school on **Wednesday 30 August**, summer uniform may continue to be worn until further notice. Both boys and girls can wear tailored grey shorts, short sleeved shirts and as in the summer term, ties are optional. Girls can also wear grey skirts or blue gingham summer dresses. Please be prepared for a change to winter uniform, which we will announce in line with predicted weather patterns.

Please ensure that the correct uniform is always worn; we will be contacting parents who are not adhering to the policy and will expect issues to be rectified with immediate effect.

Nursery Places – September 2017 - 2018

We are currently taking bookings in the Nursery for children who are eligible to join us from September 2017 onwards. If you have a child aged three months or over and you would like them to join our Nursery, or your child already attends and you wish to increase their sessions in the new academic year, please speak to Sharon in the Atrium for more details. Please note: spaces get booked very quickly and are allocated on a first-come, first served basis.

Term Dates

Academy term dates for 2017-2018 can be viewed online at www.tpamk.co.uk or on the TPA app. Alternatively please collect a copy from the Atrium.

And Finally...

All that is left is for me to do is to wish you all a safe and happy summer break. Thank you for your continued support of the Academy.

Yours sincerely



Warren Harrison
Chief Executive Officer

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