



# Christmas 2016



## SUNNYSIDE ACADEMY

### Wishing you a Happy Christmas

Dear Parents/Carers,

We break up on Friday December 16th, 2016. We return on Tuesday January 3rd. I have just completed my first term as interim Head Teacher at Sunnyside Academy. It has been interesting and enjoyable.

When we return, every attempt will be made to smooth the transition for the new Head Teacher's arrival. Mrs. Sutton and I are already communicating regularly. This will increase next half term. She commences her official duties from February 27th, after half term.

There have been some new appointments. Mr. Millward has joined the Pastoral Team. Miss Garrity and Miss Waterson have joined the Teaching Assistant Team. We have three new apprentices.

Unfortunately, Mr. Birtles has not been in school. If he has not returned after Christmas there will be a full time supply teacher in his class. I shall keep you informed.

#### Attendance

Overall school attendance		100% attendance – no of children	
September	95.64%	September	180
October	95.68%	October	203
November	94.77%	November	149
December	93.1%	December	179

We keep our attendance profile high with a range of rewards. Miss Howell and our Pastoral Team work hard to improve our attendance through targeting families. Please remember your child is disadvantaged if they do not attend school regularly and can fall way behind with their learning.

#### Consultation Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended Parents' Evening. If you couldn't attend please contact your child's teacher and make an appointment. Parental Partnership is a critical factor in the success of your child's progress in school.

**KS2 SATs 2017** for Year 6 will be held week commencing May 8<sup>th</sup>. Please put the date in your diary.

Year 6 children will have some additional teaching support from January.

### Punctuality

Please make every effort to get your child to school on time. School officially starts at 8.50a.m. Any child who arrives after this time is late. Our punctuality is a cause for concern. See the table below. [Is your child late?](#)

No of children late	
September	56
October	68
November	70
December	56

### Behaviour Policy

The current behaviour policy has been reviewed with staff. The decision was made to add some criteria for clarity to the staged sanctions. This will be shared with children after Christmas and a copy put on the website for your information. The intention is to achieve greater consistency regarding the application of the policy across the school. I hope parents will support the changes.

### Outcomes of Parent Survey

(Please see the details on the school web site)  
The overwhelming majority of parents were very satisfied with the provision at Sunnyside. Individual queries will be followed up where parents added their name to the survey. Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire.

***Please ensure you keep your information updated with the school office, particularly change of address and telephone contact numbers. Thank you.***

### Parental Participation

Thank you for your support of both the Fashion Show and Christmas Fayre. A lot of planning goes into these events.

Thank you also for your attendance and support at the Cathedral and for children's Christmas performances this year.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3.01.17 - Return after the Christmas break**
- 19.01.17 - Dental Health in school (details to follow)**
- 24.01.17 – Governing Body Development Day**
- 24.01.17 – Governing Body Finance and Resources Committee**
- 30.01.17 – 52 Y5/6 children attend a residential at Robin Wood**
- 7.02.17 – Governing Body Raising Achievement Committee**
- 17.02.17 – Break up for half term**
- 27.02.17 – Return for the second half of the Spring Term**
  - Mrs. Sutton takes up post.**
- 7.04.17 – Break up for Easter**

***Please ensure your child has their hearing aid/s, cochlear implants or glasses in school on a daily basis if they have been prescribed.***

**May I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

**Best wishes**

**Mrs. R. Parker (Interim Head Teacher)**