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Dear All,

A very warm welcome back to all children and parents. I hope that you have all had a good break and that you are coming back to school ready to learn, prepared to work hard and determined to do your best - I know I am! Staff have been busy, as usual, over the summer months. Children will be coming into learning environments that have been designed to engage them in new topics and to support them in building on their skills from last year. The classrooms promote excellence and our expectation is that children are ready and prepared to excel this year.

I am delighted to welcome our new Deputy Principal, Mrs Albert, to our team. Mrs Albert is a highly experienced teacher who has expertise in many areas. These include literacy (Reading specialist), learning environments and supporting/challenging children and staff in being successful in all that they do. Mrs Albert will be out and about so please say hello. I know that you will make her very welcome.

You will see that Mr Hall has been very busy too. We have had the hall floor repaired and polished, the new car park safety fence erected, fences stained, landscaping and many other jobs completed. Our academy reflects our values and we need it to be a place that is well maintained and has high quality, well thought out resources and spaces needed for our children to help them achieve. We will be including children in helping to maintain our academy and to look after the place in which they learn.

This is an exciting year for us in that we will be having houses for the first time. Mrs Cadman will be leading this. Children will be assigned houses on September 16th. House Leaders are **Earth** - Miss Corner **Water** - Mrs Morgan **Fire** - Miss Celebicanin **Wind** - Mrs Croker

Awards and rewards - we will continue to reward children with Smilies for their great work. These are used to help children learn how to get it right and to be caught doing what is right. They acknowledge hard work and effort in all areas. Once children achieve 100 they receive their first Certificate (Bronze) this then leads onto Silver (200), Gold (300) - our first child to receive Gold receives a special prize. Children can then go on to get Diamond (400) and Platinum (500), these children receive a special badge acknowledging their ability and determination to go above and beyond. Alongside the awards children take part in PRAISE activities - this year our theme is Health, Care, Fitness and Wellbeing. Children have 4 things to do to achieve these - these have to be achieved before the Gold Award can be presented. Please see over for information on PRAISE. In addition to this children will be able to earn House Points for their team - we will share more on this later in the month.

Finally, thank you to those parents who completed the parent questionnaire - 100% of parents strongly agreed or agreed that children make good progress, are looked after well, are taught well, learn how to behave well and that the school keeps parents well informed. 100% of parents would recommend Hazel Leys Academy to other parents. I know that I would recommend working at Hazel Leys Academy to others. Parents have chosen to send their child to Hazel Leys Academy and by choosing this school parents have agreed to our values, ethos, behaviour expectations and determination to succeed. I look forward to another year of working together to support all of our children to achieve high standards and behaviours and to help them be positive contributors to society in whichever areas they choose.

Mrs Inga Bain (Principal)

## 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – Teacher training day

**4<sup>th</sup> September** – School open for pupils

**9<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 1 and year 2 Medieval Day. Children in these year groups can dress in medieval costumes

**12<sup>th</sup> September** – Mindfulness Day

**13<sup>th</sup> September** – Roald Dahl Day

**16<sup>th</sup> September – 20<sup>th</sup> September** – HLA Sports Week and House Competition Week

**16<sup>th</sup> September** – Dogs Trust Visit

**20<sup>th</sup> September (TBC)** – Triathlon Event

**25<sup>th</sup> September** – National Fitness Day

**26<sup>th</sup> September** – European Day of Languages – special lunchtime menu, please book a lunch for your child on this day. Please make sure you have applied to see if you are eligible for free school meals to benefit from free meals at lunchtimes. A huge saving to families each week.

**2<sup>nd</sup> October** – Waste free lunch challenge

**3<sup>rd</sup> October** – National Poetry Day

**7<sup>th</sup> October – 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Arts Week

**8<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 1 and 2 trip to Rockingham Castle

**14<sup>th</sup> October - 18<sup>th</sup> October** - Book Fair

**14<sup>th</sup> October – 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Parent Meetings Y1 to Y6 – dates to be confirmed

**15<sup>th</sup> October** - Butterfly conservation talk—Year 3 and Year 5

**22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Individual photos 16<sup>th</sup> October - Nasal Flu Vaccinations

**25<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest Award Assembly. Parents of children receiving awards to be invited. Harvest collection for local charity.

**25<sup>th</sup> October** - End of Term

### **Amazing Achievements**

**A huge well done to Eco Warriors and Ms French - achieving the Silver Eco-Schools Award**

**A remarkable result to Sports Crew and Mrs Cadman - third year in a row Gold Mark for School Games**

**Sensational success to Miss Corner - completing her NQT year - congratulations**

**Literacy Skills** Parents are able to join in with classes to develop literacy skills. This is a fabulous opportunity.

Corby Primary Academy - Mondays 9-11 and 12.30 -2.30

Danesholme Junior Academy - Tuesdays 9.15-11.15

Pen Green - Wednesdays 9.30-11.30

Rockingham Primary - Wednesdays 1.10-3.10

These courses concentrate on Parents language development so that they can develop skills to support their children's learning. However, they do cover adult literacy curriculum and learners are able to complete functional skills qualifications in summer term. Please let the academy office know as soon as possible if you are interested and we will put your name forward.

### **PRAISE**



**Participation and Relationships (PR)** – connecting with others, family, friends and community is a way to feel happier, more positive and able to get the most from life. Children will be made aware of the range of clubs, groups and activities available in the community. They will be able to achieve their PR sticker for this – being part of a club (football, netball, Library, table tennis, swimming ...), taking part in a community event (litter picking, carnival, charity event ...), being part of a group (church, faith, Beavers, Guides, Scouts ...).

Teachers and school will promote and record this. Parents will be responsible for engaging children in one or more of these activities and bringing into school certificates or other information showing that their child has been involved.

**Activity** - being active is often given as a step to improving mental well-being. It is also essential in keeping fit and healthy. Children will participate over a period of weeks in a lunchtime activity such as Sports' Crew, Dance.

**Identity** – knowing who you are and formulating ambitions and goals. Building on work in class in Jigsaw and Careers and Employability. Teaching staff will reward children with their PRAISE colour when children demonstrate positive behaviours and actions in this area.

**Saving the Earth**– doing something for others helps in feeling good about ourselves. Being part of an Eco campaign, recycling in school, showing an awareness of cutting down on the use of plastic, looking after wildlife and wildlife areas, being aware of environmental issues (eg re-use, re-cycle).