



# HAZEL LEYS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and we wish you all a very happy new year with many best wishes for 2020.

We welcome Miss Hannah to our team as our new Year 5 teacher. I am confident that everyone will make her very welcome.

We were delighted to appoint an Executive Principal, Mrs Barrington, who will be starting in her new role in September 2020. Mrs Barrington will be a regular visitor over the remainder of this academic year and will use the time to learn all about us. This will help her to prepare for her new role and it will be a time where children, staff and parents welcome her to Hazel Leys Academy. She is very lucky to be able to be part of such a great community. We are lucky to find someone that shares the same ambitions and goals for our children.

Reading, our class newsletters will share recommended reads - please take time to look at these.

Research shared by the Reading Agency (<https://readingagency.org.uk/>) states that;

### **Proven power of reading**

*An online poll of over four thousand people from a representative sample in the UK revealed that regular readers for pleasure reported fewer feelings of stress and depression than non-readers, and stronger feelings of relaxation from reading than from watching television or engaging with technology intensive activities.*

*Studies have shown that those who read for pleasure have higher levels of self-esteem and a greater ability to cope with difficult situations. Reading for pleasure was also associated with better sleeping patterns.*

*Adults who read for just 30 minutes a week are 20% more likely to report greater life satisfaction.*

Please encourage your child to read as often as possible, it will make a difference to all aspects of life, not just academic skills. Please record comments about your child's reading in their reading record book. Please return it to school every day.

Thank you to all who joined in with the Christmas Tree competition - it was hard to choose winners.

Please keep joining in and helping children to contribute as much as possible to school life.

Homework topics are always displayed in classes and receive many positive comments from visitors.

We will start the new year reminding ourselves and our children of the values and characteristics needed to be a person that is kind, caring and determined to be their best.

Mrs Inga Bain (Principal)

**Integrity Manners Pride Respect Encourage Succeed Spirit**

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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.**

Golden Eagles (Y5) - Swimming starts 8th January and then every Wednesday.

Cheetahs (Y3) - Library Visit 8th January

Tigers (Y6) and Golden Eagles (Y5) Boxing coaching lessons starts 9th January and then every Thursday until the end of term

Cheetahs (Y3) and Pandas (Y4) Northampton Saints will be teaching children about health and fitness (supported by Greggs) starts 14th January to 11th February

Cheetahs (Y3) - Forest School starts 9th February and then every Thursday afternoon

January 27th Holocaust Memorial Day

February 3rd National Story Telling Week

February 7th Number Day (NSPCC)

February Chinese New Year

February 10th Mental Health Awareness Week

February 11th Safer Internet Day

February 12th Class Photographs

February 14th Valentine's Day

**February 14th End of Term - Academy Closes**

**Class Assemblies, Fridays at 9.00 a.m.** parents will be invited to attend their child's class assembly. Other parents will be invited if their child is receiving an award.

Friday 17th January Year 4 Assembly      Friday 24th January Year 6 Assembly

Friday 31st January Reception Assembly      Friday 7th February Year 3 Assembly



## Teaching Students

We welcome teaching students into our Early Year Classes, Year 1 and Year 2. Trainee teachers will become responsible for planning teaching and learning for children in each of these classes. Teachers in school will mentor each trainee and help them to develop their skills and expertise. We welcome, Miss Brown into Nursery, Miss Waller into Reception, Mrs Haigh into Year 2 and Miss Lawman into Year 2. We hope that they have a great experience at Hazel Leys Academy.

## Wishing Staff Well

We continue to wish Mrs Blackwood well and hope that her treatment is successful and that we will soon welcome her back to school.

We are sorry to have to share that Mrs Bradley is unwell and that she too will be off school whilst undergoing treatment.

We hope to welcome Mrs Packer back to the office very soon.

We know that they are all missing us as much as we are missing them.

## Parking and Safety

We will be working with Corby Fire Station and local PCSOs to help raise awareness of parking safely. This is to ensure that there is adequate space for emergency vehicles at all times. The initiative is a continuation of the work started by Corby Fire Station over the Christmas period in the town centre and local supermarkets. It also supports local concerns about unsafe and inconsiderate parking around schools. Local fire officers and PCSOs will be visiting our site and sharing these messages:

Please do not: park within 10 metres of/or opposite a junction, do not park on a bend, do not park on a footpath, do not obstruct driveways or garages, do not double park, do not park on a drop kerb

We would like to add to this - The academy car park is for staff cars and visitors. Do not park in the carpark without permission. Thank you