

University Primary Academy Kidsgrove

Head of School's Weekly Newsletter Friday 17th November 2017



"Together Everyone Achieves More"

Dear parents and carers,

It has been fantastic to see so many parents and family members in school this week as part of our Family Learning Week. I have learnt a lot from the sessions that I have been in and I have had some lovely feedback from parents about the different sessions that they have been involved in. The highlight for me was seeing the fabulous den built by parents in the Forest School, what a fabulous piece of team work!! Thank you to everyone who came along to share in learning with us and for providing the very valuable feedback. There will be more family learning opportunities in the New Year.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Pope, Head of School

Forest School

As you know, University Primary Academy is now a Forest School and there will be lots of learning taking place outdoors for all classes in our Forest School with Mrs. Gould and the class teachers. Each class has a session scheduled for Forest School and the class teacher will send home information to explain when this will be and what your child will need. It is advisable that children have warm jogging bottoms, thick socks, a coat, wellington boots, a hat and a pair of gloves. Forest School is a great initiative and promotes resilience, communication, imagination and team-building. Come and talk to us to find out more!

Junior Police Cadets

Staffordshire Police are currently training up their first group of UPA Kidsgrove Junior Police Cadets! The children have taken their oath and will graduate before Christmas! All children in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to become a police cadet.

Key dates for your diary:

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- ✓ **Friday 9.05am** Family Celebration Assembly- Everyone Welcome! Each fortnight we are joined by "Open the Book" - it is our favourite assembly of the week!
- ✓ **Friday 9.30am** Head of School's Coffee Morning and tour of the academy. EVERYONE WELCOME- not just the families of the certificate winners!!
- ✓ **Thursday 30th November** Year 5 and 6 Inter-School Bubble Football Tournament
- ✓ **Tuesday 12th December (6pm) and Wednesday 13th December (2pm)** EYFS and KS1 NATIVITY
- ✓ **Thursday 14th December (2pm and 6pm)** KS2 Carol Concert

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 1 again for achieving the award for the highest attendance this week with 97.5%. Well done!

Pebbles

Can you help to support Maddie in KS2? She is currently collecting for Pebbles. This winter they will need extra blankets, towels, toys, food and treats. If you can spare any of these items please bring them into school before the 7th December.

Thank you from Maddie and Miss Pope!

