

South Lakes Academy

December 2024



Christmas Party

We have had a fantastic first term back at SLA, which ended with our Christmas party for the students. Following a slight change of plan, the students opted for a Pizza Party. This was followed by games which most of the students joined in, and all had a great time - even a rendition of the 12 Days of Christmas (SLA version) which the students helped to write.



Guess who the students turned into the Grinch?

PE

As you may be aware, PE is compulsory for school aged children, we appreciate that our students do not always want to do PE, so we have tried to find ways of making this fun.

Towards the end of the year, we sourced a gym that we can rent privately. After a very successful first session, we intend for all future PE sessions to be held there. Kate is developing a new exciting curriculum so that they will not be doing the same thing each week.

Can we remind parents/carers that students need to be in suitable clothing for PE - no jeans. PE will be on a Tuesday afternoon.



Who can Plank the longest?

Important information

Absence

If your child cannot attend school, please can you ensure you phone school on 01539 721487 or 07879675530. It helps staff plan their lessons and be able to keep up to date with student progress. It is imperative that we have contact with parents/carers about any absences otherwise unfortunately the absence will be recorded as unauthorised and can lead to poor attendance records. Finally, we know that the students contact each other on social media about absences but please ensure SLA staff are contacted so we can authorise as many as absences as possible.



Lunch

An SLA school day is shorter than a standard mainstream school day but can all parents/carers make sure students are sent to school with a sufficient lunch, either money to buy something or a packed lunch. Students who don't eat during the day begin to 'flag' in the afternoons and we need to keep the momentum of learning up the WHOLE time students are with us. More importantly, with the new PE curriculum it is important that the students have had enough to eat to be able to take part in these PE sessions. In the event that students have forgotten lunch, SLA will buy students lunch but this will need to be refunded by parents/carers by the end of that week.



Congratulations to
Sophie and Harry for
having the highest
attendance for the
first Term

Phone Use

We allow phones at SLA as we understand the importance for some students to have contact with parents and/or using these to ease anxiety. We would like to remind students that these should only be used on breaks/lunchtimes and not during lessons. We have seen a spike in students using phones at inappropriate times which makes our jobs as teachers very hard. Students have plenty of breaks to be able to check their phones. If any parents or students would like another copy of the phone policy, please let Kerry know and this can be forwarded.

Dates for your Diary

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 6th January 2025

February half term - Monday 17th Friday 21st Feb 2025

End of term - Friday 4th April 2025