

# STUDFALL JUNIOR ACADEMY



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## NEWSLETTER 1

Hi everyone!

We have had a great start back to the year. Thanks to everyone for your help with uniform etc (plus helping me try and control traffic at the end of the day!!!! 😊)



Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

### **IMPORTANT DATES/Attendance and holidays**

If booking a holiday during school time, please be aware that anything over 4 days can result in a fine from the local authority.

If recording an absence, please ring the school and leave a message (NOT ON DOJO)

There are also key dates when Year 6 will be having their National Assessments, and no holidays should be booked in that period: **Week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May.**

## **APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY PLACE**

The online application form will be available on North Northants Website. At the time of writing this, it isn't available yet. It usually opens next week and closes at 5pm on 31<sup>st</sup> October but will update you as soon as possible.



## **LUNCHES**

Children can bring in their packed lunch or order a packed lunch from Kingswood Kitchens. You need to order by midnight on a Wednesday for the following week.

<https://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/how-to-join>



## **End of school day**

Just a reminder that the school day finishes at 3.25pm. If you have siblings in different year groups etc, the elder child can leave by the same door as the youngest child.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to email either:

[admin@studfalljunioracademy.org](mailto:admin@studfalljunioracademy.org)

or

[Imcgeachie@studfalljunioracademy.org](mailto:Imcgeachie@studfalljunioracademy.org)



## **Taekwondo**

We are having Taekwondo taster sessions next Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September. All children will be able to have a go and then have the option of joining the after-school club.



Last academic year we introduced the Moki Bands as part of enhancing and promoting the benefits of being active. Due to the bands being a great success with the children, we are continuing to use them this year.

As a school, we are required to ensure each child has 30 active minutes per day.

The Moki bands are a plain blue band with no screen which track the children's active steps. Each term, each class will have the bands for one week, where they

will work as part of a team to try and achieve the highest step count through walking or running. Each term there will be a Moki celebration assembly where there is a chance to win different prizes. The class with the highest step count in each year will win an extra 15 minutes of play time and the child with the highest step count in the school will win an individual prize. The children thoroughly enjoyed having this last year and I am excited to continue this competition this year! Let's see who can walk the most steps in Autumn 1!



After it's huge success last year, we are relaunching Times Tables Rock Stars across the whole school from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September!

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) is an online programme designed to help children master their multiplication and division facts in a fun and engaging way. Your children create a rock star character and play quick-fire games that test their times tables knowledge. The more they practise, the faster and more confident they become – and they can even compete against friends, classmates, or children around the world!

Knowing times tables securely is a vital skill because it underpins so much of maths. From fractions and division to algebra and problem-solving, quick recall of multiplication facts makes all areas of maths much easier. When children don't have to spend time working out times tables, they can focus on understanding new concepts and tackling more challenging problems with confidence.

Regular practice on TTRS helps children build speed, accuracy, and enjoyment in maths – turning what can feel like hard work into something exciting and rewarding so we will be encouraging the use of it at school and at home. We will be having celebration assemblies throughout the year to reward all our Rockstars - starting with our very first Studfall Rockstar Day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October where we encourage you all to come in dressed up like Rockstars, we will have a times tables focus within our maths lessons and an awards assembly at the end of the day.

**Please do not hesitate to contact any member of staff by email.**

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise McGeachie', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Louise McGeachie  
Principal

**Dates:**

- **Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Sept Rugby Year 4**
- **Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Sept Rugby Year 4**
- **Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Sept Taekwondo Taster sessions**
- **Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Sept Year 5 and 6 workshops 'Speakout'**
- **Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Sept Saxons Year 4**

- **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Oct Saxons Year 4**
- **Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct Medicine through the ages Year 6**
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct World Mental Health Day**
- **Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> Oct Recycle Week**
- **Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Oct WW2 Trip Year 5**
- **Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Oct WW2 Trip Year 5**
- **Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct ROCK STAR DAY**
- **Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct Wear Red Day**
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct close for half term at 3.25**
- **Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov School re-opens to children**

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