



Newsletter

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Message from Head Teacher

Thank you to all the parents who have attended our parent information meetings this term. These have included our Reception Reading and Phonics Impact sessions and Maths and English Impact sessions throughout the Juniors. These have been very well attended and we have received many positive comments following these meetings.

Part of our role as teachers is to support parents in being able to help their children with learning at home. We organise a number of information sessions each year and continually look at other ways to make information available to parents, for example by further developing our school website to include more resources.

The next parent sessions are as follows:

Year 2 Impact sessions:

Wednesday 15th January @ 9.15 a.m. 2BS

Thursday 16th January @ 9.15 a.m. 2R

Friday 17th January @ 9.15 a.m. 2A

Year 1 Impact sessions:

Tuesday 21st January @ 9.15 a.m. 1D

Wednesday 22nd January @ 9.15 a.m. 1B

Thursday 23rd January @ 9.15 a.m. 1M

Thursday 30th January @ 10.15 a.m. /2.15 p.m. Nursery Phonics Impact sessions

Reception Writing Impact sessions:

Tuesday 4th February @ 9.15 a.m. RA

Tuesday 4th February @ 2.00 p.m. RW

Wednesday 5th February @ 2.00 p.m. RHR

We ask that each pupil has a parent/carer or family member to work with during this session if at all possible please.

Adverse Weather Policy

Please find our Adverse Weather policy attached.

It is also available on the Parent Information section of the school website.

Additional School Closure

A reminder that our school will be used as a polling station in the General Election next **Thursday 12th December**. Please note that New Oscott Primary School will be closed to all pupils on this date.

Christmas Dinner

This year, the children's Christmas Dinner will be on **Wednesday 11th December**.



Christmas Fair

Our annual NOSPFA Christmas Fair will be held on **Friday 6th December at 4.00 p.m.** **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME.**

We are still collecting the following items:

*toys

*prizes for Tombolas and Raffle

*tins, bottles, wrapped foods



If you can help with any of the above, please send in your donations to the School Office.

In particular, we need prizes for our Raffle. If you, or your employer, are able to donate a prize, please could you let Katie Tirrell know via the School Office.

Tomorrow will also be a non-uniform day for pupils. In return we ask for a donation for one of our stalls.

Pupils have brought home a white bag to decorate and fill with items costing 50p which will then be sold at the Fair. This stall is always very successful. Please return this bag tomorrow if you haven't already done so.



Finally, please do come along to our Christmas Fair at **4.00 p.m.** We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you for your support.

NOSPA NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS



NOSPA NEWS Christmas Fair

Tomorrow Friday 6th December 2018 4-6pm

We need as much help as possible from parents during the day and also to run stalls on the afternoon. If you are able to help in any way please contact Katie on 07888 131203.

We have lots of new things going on this year. Craft stall in the junior hall. We will have burgers & hot dogs available in the Junior Hall. In the infant hall we have tombola's and lots of games. We are also expecting a visit from Father Christmas so we hope to see you in his special grotto.

Santa Letters

Thank you to everyone who requested a letter from Santa. All funds made from this go towards school funds.



Christmas Cards

These are being sent home with children today.

Contact Us: ☎ Katie Tirrell 07888131203 ✉ E-mail: email.nospa@gmail.com or via our facebook & twitter pages.



ALL THE MONEY NOSPA MAKES GOES TO SCHOOL

Year 6 Choir Members

Year 6 choir members will be singing at Next, Princess Alice Park on Wednesday 18th December between 2.10 and 2.45 p.m. Please pop along to support them if you can.

Year 6 Parents' SATs Information Meeting

Year 6 parents are invited to attend a SATs information meeting on **Thursday 23rd January** at 6.00 p.m.

Christmas Parties

Pupils will be able to come dressed in their 'party clothes' on the day of their Christmas party. With the exception of morning Nursery, all the parties will be held in the afternoon of the party day. It is important to note, however, that children will be going outside at playtimes so will need suitable footwear/jumpers/coats etc for outdoor play. The date for the Christmas parties is Thursday 19th December.

A reminder that children must not bring any food into school containing nuts.

Christmas Post

The Christmas post-box is now in the main entrance and Christmas card deliveries will begin on **Monday 9th December**. Please ensure all envelopes are clearly marked with the child's name and class.

Thank you to the Year 2 pupils who applied for Christmas Post worker positions.



Parent Governor Vacancies

There were two nominations for the Parent Governor vacancies advertised in the last newsletter and on a separate letter emailed to parents. The closing date has now passed so these two parents have been duly elected to these positions without the need for a parent election.

I would like to thank Mrs Silvester and Mrs Lewis for putting themselves forward for these important roles. Our Chair of Governors, Mr. Wright, the whole Governing Board and I would like to welcome these parents on-board. I look forward to working with them closely to support the work of the school over the next 4 years.

Christmas Shopping Online?

If you are ordering any items online, please consider ordering via www.thegivingmachine.co.uk to make a free cash donation to NOSPA.

Over 600 popular retailers taking part in the scheme (including Next, Amazon, John Lewis, Tesco, Boots & Homebase) will donate a small percentage of the cost of your order to NOSPA - at no extra cost to you. To support this scheme, visit the Giving Machine website and select NOSPA.

E-Safety Leaflet

Please find attached E-Safety leaflet 6 for parents: A Parent's Guide to TikTok.

All of these E-Safety leaflets are also available on the school website.

No Dogs Policy

Parents are reminded that dogs are **not** permitted on our school grounds with the exception of assistance dogs.

Pupils' Belongings

Please be aware that school cannot be held responsible for the loss of items brought into school. Children are reminded to look after their own belongings, such as pencil cases in Years 5 and 6, and to take these home or put away in lockers.

Christmas Concerts



You are warmly invited to join us for your child's Christmas Concert/Assembly. We do not issue tickets for these performances but would ask that only two family members attend your child's performance to ensure that we do not exceed numbers. Please note that pushchairs and prams are not permitted in the school halls during these performances. Children in other year groups will have the opportunity to watch their siblings' performances at another time. This is with the exception of the Nursery Nativity; brothers and sisters will be permitted to attend the performances on Wednesday 11th December.

Reception and Year 1 will be performing 'A Christmas Recipe' in the Infant Hall on **Wednesday, 18th December** at 9.15 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. Please could Year 1 parents attend in the morning and Reception parents attend in the afternoon. Both performances will be the same.

Nursery are looking forward to performing their 'A Nursery Rhyme Nativity' on **Wednesday 11th December** at 10.30 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. in the Infant Hall.

All the above performances will be filmed and a DVD will be available to order.

Year 3 and 4 will present their 'A Musical Christmas' Assembly in the Junior Hall on **Monday, 16th December** at 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. Please could Year 3 parents attend in the morning and Year 4 parents attend in the afternoon. Both assemblies will be the same.

Year 2 will present their 'Christmas Medley' Assembly on **Thursday 19th December** at 9.15 a.m. in the Infant Hall.

The Years 3 & 4 and the Year 2 assembly will not be filmed.

Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in a 'Festival of Carols and Readings' at St. Columba's Church on **Tuesday, 17th December** at 1.45 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. This will not be filmed. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the church's nominated charity.

Please could I remind parents and visitors to park safely and considerately in the roads around our school, especially during concerts when there is likely to be a high number of vehicles in the area. Also a reminder that photographs and recordings must not be shared on any social media site/internet.

Junior Trips to Christmas Pantomimes - Change of Dates

Thank you to all parents who have already paid for the Junior trips to see the pantomime at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall in December.

Please note that the dates for these have changed, due to the clash with the Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert on Tuesday 17th December.

The pantomime visits will now take place on the following dates:

Friday 13th December (a.m.): Year 6

Tuesday 17th December (a.m.): Years 3 & 4

Wednesday 18th December (a.m.): Year 5

Food Bank Donations

From Monday we will have boxes available in Year 2 and Year 6 for donations for our local Food Bank which is organised by Elim Life Church in Kingstanding. This is the Food Bank we supported through our Harvest Appeal. A number of staff and parents asked if we could support this worthy cause as an on-going project. Miss Coleman (Pastoral Lead) has kindly offered to organise our on-going collection. If you would like to support this on-going Food Bank collection, please send donations to the School Office or children can take these directly to Miss Coleman in Year 6 or Mrs Perryman in Year 2. In the next newsletter, we will include a full list of required items but as a general request, tins, packets and dried food would be most helpful. Thank you for your support.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate in contacting me or Mrs Budden.

Yours sincerely

Alison Walklett

Mrs A Walklett

Diary Dates 2019-20 Autumn Second Half Term

Friday 6 th December		Non-uniform Day for Christmas Fair (please bring a donation for one of the stalls) Christmas Fair
Wednesday 11 th December		Children's Christmas Dinner
Thursday 12 th December		SCHOOL CLOSED (due to use as Polling Station for the General Election).
Friday 13 th December	a.m.	Year 6 to pantomime at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall
Monday 16 th December	9.15 a.m. & 2.15 p.m.	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Assembly p.m. Years 5 & 6 to St Columba's Church for practice
Tuesday 17 th December	a.m. 1.45 p.m./6.30 p.m.	Years 3 & 4 to pantomime at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall Years 5 & 6 Carol Concert at St Columba's Church
Wednesday 18 th December	9.15 a.m. & 2.00 p.m. a.m.	Year 1 & Reception Nativity Year 5 to pantomime at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall
Thursday 19 th December	9.15 a.m.	Year 2 Christmas Assembly Christmas parties
Friday 20 th December		Special certificate assemblies BREAK UP
Monday 6 th January 2020		Teacher Training Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 7 th January		All pupils return to school for Spring Term 2020

NEW OSCOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Adverse Weather Policy - Information for Parents



Procedures regarding adverse weather affecting the opening of the school

In the event of adverse weather, all attempts will be made to keep the school open. If the Local Authority decides to close all the schools we have been assured that the media -Radio WM and Free Radio - as well as social media - will issue that news as early as possible.

However, there are likely to be instances when local conditions will force the closure of our own school. This decision will lie with the Head Teacher who will announce the school closure as early as possible on the school website (www.newoscott.bham.sch.uk), on local radio stations and through our texting system which sends a text to the first parent on the contacts sheet.

The following conditions will be taken into account when making a decision about school closure.

1. Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely
2. Conditions on site are dangerous
3. Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous for travel (e.g. an amber or red weather warning specifically for the Birmingham area).

Procedures regarding adverse weather during the school day

In the event of extreme adverse weather conditions developing during the school day, the decision may be taken to allow parents to collect children from school before the end of the school day.

Only under exceptional circumstances will the school close early. Wherever possible, parents will be sent a text to inform them that they may pick up children after a given time. If at all possible, this will be after 1.30 p.m. to allow registration of pupils after the school lunchtime and to ensure the safety of all the pupils. We feel it is far safer for pupils to be dismissed from their classrooms by the class teacher than from dinner halls/classrooms by Lunchtime Supervisors. Parents would be required to sign children out in the usual way when collecting before the end of the school day.

Markham Road can be particularly treacherous during snowfall. If you have to use a motor vehicle we would be most grateful if you could avoid the road directly adjacent to the school site.

School opening during snowy and icy conditions

In the event of snowfall, paths around school will be cleared/gritted in a particular order:

- 1) The main pedestrian path up to the main entrance
- 2) The path from Jevons Road to Larks and Owls/Nursery
- 3) The Year 6 steps
- 4) The path round to Year 3 and 4 (not the car park)
- 5) A path through the Infant playground to the Reception classes
- 6) The path across the field
- 7) The steps from Jevons Road into the Infant playground

The top field gate and the gate adjoining the Infant playground (with steps) on Jevons Road will not be opened until the path/steps have been gritted. Please note, this may mean that these entrances are not open in time for the start of school.

In the event of snowfall and difficult conditions on site, pupils will be allowed to come into school through the main entrance. This will include pupils attending morning Dawn til Dusk.

We have a large site at New Oscott Primary School and it is not possible to clear or grit all areas. Please take care on untreated paths and playgrounds.