



# Newsletter

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## Message from Head Teacher

We are now into our third week of the new school year and I am delighted with how well everyone has settled back into school routines. We are particularly proud of our new Reception and Nursery children who have all been admitted and are coming in each morning as though they have always been here! Well done everyone!

Congratulations, too, to Miss Allison who has led on work in school to achieve our Science Quality Mark which recognises excellent teaching and learning in Science. We were awarded a Gilt award. Thank you and well done to all the staff and pupils who work so hard in this area of the curriculum - and thank you to all the parents who came and supported our Science Week in the summer term as this helped us to achieve the award. A great start to the new school year!



## School Photographs

This year all family and individual photographs will be taken on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. The photographs will be taken by Tempest Photography.

If you would like your child/ren's photograph taken with pre-school (who don't attend our Nursery) or secondary school age siblings, please come to the Meeting Room at the front of school from 8.00 - 8.50 a.m. All other family and individual photographs will be taken during the school day.

## School Fund

Thank you to everyone who has given a School Fund donation via Parentpay. We are still gratefully receiving donations to School Fund, which is used to buy additional resources, rewards, stickers etc throughout the year. We suggest an amount of £10.00 per child but would be extremely grateful for any amount you can give. This collection really makes an enormous difference to what we can provide for the children. Thank you.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

All parents, grandparents and carers are invited to our Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**September** between 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. in the Infant hall. Please come along and support this worthy cause by buying a piece of cake and a cup of tea or coffee.

This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, as well as supporting this worthwhile charity.

Mrs High would be very grateful for any donations of cakes (**no nuts please**) for this event. Please could you bring these first thing on the morning of 27<sup>th</sup> September. Please name your container with your child's name and class for it to be returned.

Thank you to Mrs High for organising this event and to her team of helpers.



## Harvest Assembly

This year our Harvest assemblies will be held on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**. Parents of pupils in Reception are invited to attend the Infant assembly which starts at 9.00 a.m.

This year we have a local focus for our Harvest Appeal. Pupils are asked to bring donations of food - tins and packets are best - to support our community through our local foodbank.

Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause.

## NOSPA NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS



### Outdoor PE Kit



Next deadline for orders will be Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Kits will then be delivered to school just after October Half Term.

Any queries please contact NOSPA direct. Forms are available from the school office or please contact NOSPA direct and we can e-mail a copy of the form over. Once your order has been received you will receive a text/e-mail to advise an estimated delivery date. Please note personalised items can't be returned.

We advise children try on the samples that are available in the main entrance area.

### **Hallowe'en Discos**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** - more details to follow  
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

### **Footballs**

From next week, pupils in Years 5 and 6 will no longer be able to use hardcase footballs at break and lunchtimes - unless attending a football coaching session with Mr Wood or Steve Moore. We are providing balls for the children to play with at break and lunchtimes. The children are being told in school.

### **Impact Sessions**

**Year 6 Impact Sessions** will take place on the following dates:

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** 9.15 a.m. Mr Hamilton's English set

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** 9.15 a.m. Mrs Gale's English set

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November** 9.15 a.m. Miss Coleman's English set

**Year 5 Impact sessions** will take place on the following dates:

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** 9.15 a.m. Mr Wood's Maths set

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** 9.15 a.m. Mrs Reames' Maths set

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November** 9.15 a.m. Miss Reardon's Maths set

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

## **Secondary School Applications**

A reminder that the final deadline for Secondary School applications is **Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.**

### **Year 6 Rotary Award**



Thank you to all the Year 6 pupils who have applied to do the Rotary Award this year. We hope to receive the children's Rotary diaries in school in the next couple of weeks. Mrs Walklett will meet with the children to give out the folders and to explain about completing a Rotary Award plan. Please support your child to complete the plan for as many of the sections as possible with their ideas for the award. Mrs Walklett will then look through each plan and give some feedback/additional ideas where required.

### **Dawn Til Dusk**

Our Dawn til Dusk team would be very grateful for any donations of wool for making pompoms. If you can help please hand this in at Dawn til Dusk or at the School Office. Thank you.

### **Parking Around School**

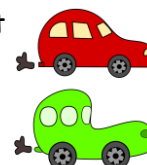
I have recently received more complaints about inconsiderate parking from local residents and parents.

**All parents and visitors to school are respectfully asked to park away from school and walk the last part of the journey.**

Please take care not to park over residents' driveways or to block footpaths. It is an offence to park on pavements, zig-zags or double yellow lines. Parking on the pavement causes an obstruction to anyone trying to walk on the pavement - especially for those with pushchairs and wheelchairs. It also concerns me enormously that our older pupils who are starting to walk to meet someone or to walk home in Year 6 are not able to see easily to cross the roads safely.

One local resident has informed me that her young child has a condition which could require an ambulance to be called at any time. Please be considerate with your parking. The roads around our school are narrow anyway; additional cars which are double parked would make it very difficult for an emergency vehicle to get to this resident's house - or indeed our school, should it be needed.

Thank you for parking considerately for the safety of our pupils and our local neighbours.



### Reception Impact Meetings

Reception Ready for Reading Impact sessions will take place on the following dates:

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September** 2.00 p.m. RA

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** 2.00 p.m. RW

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** 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. This could be a grandparent or other family member etc.

### Letterjoin

We use the Letterjoin handwriting scheme for Year 1 to Year 6. The website and resources can be found at: [www.letterjoin.co.uk](http://www.letterjoin.co.uk). The school username is: to  
The password is: gether  
A Letterjoin letter is being emailed out with today's newsletter.

### Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

We currently have permanent and casual/relief lunchtime supervisor positions available. If you are interested, please speak to Miss Pelly in the School Office. The hourly rate is £8.93.

### Volunteer Readers

We are in need of a team of parent/grandparent reading volunteers to read with children from Reception to Year 2. If you have an hour or two to spare each week and would be interested, please contact the School Office. Miss Brown will be leading training for volunteers on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15 a.m.** If you are interested, please let Miss Brown know via the School Office. If you are interested but unable to attend on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**, please also let Miss Brown know as she may be able to arrange a different time later in the term. If you have already been trained as a reading volunteer at our school and would like to continue to help this year, please let Miss Brown know as soon as possible via the school office. Please note that a DBS check is required for all volunteers in school.



### Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge at Birmingham Libraries. On **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October** (9.00 a.m.) we will be presenting them with certificates and book tokens in a special presentation assembly.



*If your child completed the Summer Reading Challenge and hasn't been given a letter inviting you to attend, please could you let Mrs Walklett know as soon as possible.*

We are delighted that so many of our pupils participate in this worthwhile activity throughout the summer holidays. It is just one way in which we encourage children to develop their reading skills and love of reading. Pupils in the Junior Department are working hard towards their Bookworm Awards and pupils in the Infant Department enjoy reading and listening to many 'key texts' each day.

### Groundforce Morning

We are planning to hold a Groundforce morning on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 9.00 - 11.00 a.m.** to tidy the grounds and do some winter planting. Please put the date in your diary and come along to help out if at all possible! Please bring tools for cutting back and planting.

### Mobile Phones

Year 6 pupils **must** have permission granted before bringing a mobile phone to school. The bringing of mobile phones to school is strongly discouraged and permission is only given to Year 6 pupils who have completed the required form available from the school office.

### Prospective Reception Open Sessions

This year our Open Sessions for parents who are interested in a place for Reception in September 2020 will be held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** at 9.15 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

These sessions will start promptly at the times shown. If you know anyone who may be interested, please invite them to come along.

### E-Safety Advice

With each newsletter over the coming term, we plan to email out an information leaflet on E-safety and related issues which we feel may be useful guidance for parents. This is a really tricky area for parents and one around which many parents have questions. We hope you find the leaflets useful. Please see the e-safety section of the school website for more information.



### Rock Stars

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October we are launching our new Rock Stars Times Tables programme. We will predominately be using this in Years 2 to 6 to help children learn and apply their times table facts.

To mark the day, we would like everyone, including Nursery and Reception children to come dressed as rock stars! All children (including Nursery, Reception and Year 1) will be taking part in fun Maths activities during the day.

More information will be sent out to parents to explain how you can access Rock Stars Times Tables at home and support your child's learning in this important area of the Maths curriculum.



### Nursery 'Thank you'

We would like to say a massive thank you to grandparent, Mr Breakwell, for making and donating these wonderful 'fairy houses' to our Nursery. They really are beautiful and the children love them! I understand we may have some of these



for sale at our Christmas Fair, too!

We would also like to thank grandparent Mrs Vaughan for crocheting some beautiful blankets for the dolls' prams and cots in Nursery. We are so grateful to these lovely grandparents for supporting our school in this way.

### Aldi Tokens

We are currently collecting the Aldi reward scheme stickers, issued with purchases of £30.00 or over. Please tell your family and friends. If we can collect enough we can use them to claim free sports equipment for school. There is a box for these stickers in the main school reception area.

### Instrument Lessons

There are vacancies for musical instrument lessons. For Junior children there are opportunities for cello, drums, flute and clarinet. For Infant children, cello lessons are available. Please see or speak to Mrs Jones in the School Office for more information.

### Collection at the End of the School Day

Parents are respectfully reminded that the school day finishes at 3.20 p.m. for Infants and 3.30 p.m. for Juniors and Nursery.

If you know you are going to be unavoidably late collecting your child, please let us know before these times so we can get a message to the teacher. Please also ensure that pupils are collected promptly at the end of after-school clubs.

If the person collecting a pupil is more than 10 minutes late, or if late collection is happening frequently, your child will be taken to Larks & Owls/Dawn til Dusk and a charge will be made for the full session.

### LAMDA Examinations

Congratulations to the 60 pupils who took their LAMDA examinations in Speech in the summer term. We were absolutely delighted to receive their results in school this week; every single pupil passed with a merit or distinction - an outstanding set of results! Well done to all of these pupils - and to their teachers Miss Brown and Mrs O'Dowd.



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 First Half Term

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| <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>    | <b>from 8.00 a.m.</b> for pre-school and secondary age siblings | Individual and family photographs   |
| <b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | <b>2.30 p.m.</b>  | Reception SENCo drop-in   |
| <b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b> | <b>9.15 a.m.</b>  | Volunteer readers' training (meeting room)  |
| <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>  | <b>6.00 p.m.</b><br><b>7.00 p.m.</b>                            | Governing Board Finance Meeting<br>Full Governing Board meeting   |
| <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>    | <b>9.00 a.m.</b>  | Macmillan Coffee Morning - Infant Hall  |
| <b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>    | <b>2.00 p.m.</b>  | RA Phonics Impact session   |
| <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>      | <b>9.00 a.m.</b><br><b>2.00 p.m.</b><br><b>3.40 p.m.</b>        | Summer Reading Challenge Presentation Assembly<br>RW Phonics Impact session<br>Year 5 residential meeting - Junior Hall |
| <b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>    | <b>2.00 p.m.</b>  | RHR Phonics Impact session  |
| <b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>       |   | Maths Rock Stars Launch - all dress up as rock stars  |
| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>       |   | Reception to Year 6 flu jabs all day  |
| <b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>     | <b>9.00 a.m.</b>  | Harvest Assemblies - Reception parents invited  |
| <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>   |   | Year 5 residential at Laches Wood   |
| <b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | <b>4.00 p.m.</b>  | Full Governing Board meeting  |
| <b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | <b>9.00 - 11.00 a.m.</b>  | Groundforce Morning   |
| <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>      |   | Nursery Parents' Evening appointments   |
| <b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>   | <b>4.00 - 7.30 p.m.</b>   | Parents Evening   |
| <b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | <b>3.40 - 6.00 p.m.</b>   | Parents' Evening<br>NOSPA Hallowe'en Discos (Years 2 & 3; Years 4, 5 & 6)   |
| <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>      |   | Break up  |
| <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>      | <b>2.00 p.m.</b>  | All pupils return to school<br>RA Reading Impact session  |
| <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>     | <b>9.15 a.m.</b><br><b>2.00 p.m.</b>                            | Year 6 Impact session (6H English set)<br>RW Reading Impact session   |
| <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>   | <b>9.15 a.m.</b><br><b>2.00 p.m.</b>                            | Year 6 Impact session (6G English set)<br>RHR Reading Impact session  |
| <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>    | <b>9.15 a.m.</b>  | Year 6 Impact session (6C English set)  |