



# Newsletter

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## Message from Head Teacher

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to our first Parents' Evening for this school year. This is always a valuable opportunity to find out about your child's work, progress, behaviour, friendships etc in school - but also to discuss with the teachers how you can support your child's learning further at home. We are always incredibly grateful for parent support with homework and other activities at home. I have been truly amazed at the standard of pupils' Power Projects this half term - excellent written projects and highly creative models and art work. Excellent work, everyone! Finally, I would like to wish everyone a relaxing half term break and a Happy Diwali to our families celebrating. Pupils return to school on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November.

## 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.

## Groundforce Morning

We are holding a Groundforce morning tomorrow, **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October** 9.00 - 11.00 a.m., to tidy the grounds and do some winter planting. Please come along to help out if at all possible! Please bring tools for cutting back and planting.



## Reception Impact Meetings

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

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	2.00 p.m. RA
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	2.00 p.m. RW
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	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.

## Harvest Assembly

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Appeal and sent in donations of food for the Kingstanding Foodbank. We were delighted to provide crates of tins and packets of food to help families in our local community.

Thank you also to our pupils who performed lovely Harvest items in both our Infant and Junior Harvest Assemblies. It was wonderful to have so many Reception parents joining us for the celebration, too. Finally, thank you to Rev Skelton for giving the Harvest talks in our Harvest Assemblies.



## Secondary School Applications

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

## NOSPA NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Halloween Discos - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Y2 & Y3 - 6.30 - 7.30pm

Y4 & Y5 - 7.45-8.45pm

Pay on the door £2.50 entry



Please note the disco times as they are slightly later than usual due to Parents' Evening. Children are welcome to come along in Halloween fancy dress for these disco. Helpers are still needed please contact Bec on 07713 625 446 if you can help out.

### Christmas Card Designs

Your child will start off a Christmas card design in school before half term. This will then be sent home to be completed over half term. If you wish to purchase a set of Christmas cards featuring the design please complete the order form and return by **Tuesday 5th November** at the latest.

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or via our facebook & twitter pages

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### 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.

### Year 6 Rotary Award



Year 6 pupils have been given back their Rotary Award plans together with some feedback on their ideas.

In our meeting today, pupils were shown how to complete their diaries and we shared further ideas of events in the local area which could be used for the different sections of the award.

Pupils should try and take photos and write up activities to add to their evidence folders as we progress through the year.

If you have a photo we could add to our Rotary Award display, please email it to [enquiry@newoscott.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@newoscott.bham.sch.uk)

### Parking Around School

Thank you to all parents who are taking care to park away from school and walk the last part of their journey.

However, we are still experiencing parking issues around our school. Parents and visitors should be aware that members of the public are now able to photograph cars which are inconsiderately parked and submit these, together with a completed referral form to the Police. Parking which is proved to have committed an offence may lead to be a fine being issued.

We are continuing to work with the Highways Department to consider further ideas to help address the parking and congestion issues around our school.

### Request from Eco-Council

If you are waiting for your child to come out of school, please could you turn off your car engine. It causes pollution which is very bad for the environment and the car fumes are filling the air we have to breathe in.

PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR ENGINE!  
Thank you. Eco-Council.



### E-Safety Leaflet

Please find attached E-Safety leaflet 3 for parents: A Parent's Guide to Online Challenges. All of these E-Safety leaflets are also available on the school website.

### 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.

### Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to seeing parents at our Parents' Evenings on **Wednesday 23rd October** (4.00 - 7.30 p.m.) and **Thursday 24th October** (3.40 - 6.00 p.m.). If you are experiencing difficulty booking an appointment online, please phone the School Office.

### School Website

You may have noticed that our school website has undergone a revamp. We are still working on updating some of the sections but we hope you find it easier to navigate.

The curriculum sections now include key principles which underpin our curriculum and we are currently working on knowledge organisers to support your child's learning in different subject areas.

Each year group section includes the powerpoint shared with parents at the start of the school year with information about the curriculum and expectations/organisation for the year group.

The policies section includes key policies such as behaviour, admissions, parent code of conduct, anti-bullying and safeguarding/child protection.

All newsletters, term dates and key diary dates are also available on the website.

### Book Fair

Our Autumn book fair will be in school once again on **Monday 21st October** until **Friday 25th October**. Please come along to purchase new and exciting books for your children. The book fair will be open after school until 4:00pm and during Parents' Evening. If you would like to purchase a pre-paid gift voucher to spend rather than paying by cash or cheque then they are available at [www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents](http://www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents) and you get an extra 20% to spend by doing so. Thank you in advance for supporting our book fair which promotes reading at our school and also earns rewards for us to spend on further books throughout the year. Happy reading all!



### Eco-Council Up-cycling Competition

Eco-Council is running a competition for the best up-cycling project. Children have until **Friday 8th November** to complete their up-cycling idea, if they would like to take part. The idea is to use an item that is no longer required (it could be a box, an old piece of furniture - anything which is no longer required and which otherwise would be thrown away) and change it into something which can be used for another purpose - to give it a new 'lease of life'! Please bring entries into school during the week beginning **Monday 4th November**. Closing date: **Friday 8th November**. Thank you to Eco-Council for organising this exciting competition!

### Christmas Shopping Online?

If you are ordering any items online, please consider ordering via [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://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.

### Reception Dinners

Pupils in Reception may, if parents wish, bring sandwiches/packed lunch instead of having a cooked school meal. Please let your child's class teacher know if your Reception child will now be bringing packed lunches.

### Remembrance Poppies

Poppies will be on sale in school from **Monday 4th November**.

We will talk about Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies in assemblies during the first week back.

On **Monday 11th November** we will hold a minute's silence throughout the whole school at 11.00 a.m.



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/Second Half Term to End of November

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00 – 11.00 a.m.	Groundforce Morning
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October		Nursery Parents' Evening appointments
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	4.00 – 7.30 p.m.	Parents' Evening
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	3.40 – 6.00 p.m.	Parents' Evening NOSPA Hallowe'en Discos (Years 2 & 3; Years 4, 5 & 6)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October		Break up
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	2.00 p.m.	All pupils return to school Upcycling competition entries to be brought in from today Remembrance poppies on sale from today RA Reading Impact session
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15 a.m. 2.00 p.m.	Year 6 Impact session (6H English set) RW Reading Impact session
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15 a.m. 2.00 p.m.	Year 6 Impact session (6G English set) RHR Reading Impact session
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15 a.m.	Year 6 Impact session (6C English set)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November		Closing date for upcycling competition entries
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	5W Maths set Impact Silence to mark Remembrance Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15 a.m./6.00 p.m.	Open Day sessions for prospective Reception parents
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15 a.m.	5R Maths set Impact Four Oaks Assembly Team leading assemblies
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	5C Maths set Impact Full Governing Body meeting
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15 a.m.	4H English set Impact
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15 a.m.	4S English set Impact
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	9.15 a.m.	4D English set Impact
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15 a.m.	3D Maths set Impact
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15 a.m.	3B Maths set Impact
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15 a.m.	3C Maths set Impact
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	2.45 p.m.	5W Class Assembly
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Post starts in school
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December		Non-uniform Day for Christmas Fair (please bring a donation for one of the stalls) Christmas Fair