



Newsletter

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Message from Head Teacher

As part of our ongoing curriculum review and school improvement focus, our curriculum leaders took part in a CPD day on Monday with local schools. This was a valuable opportunity to share good practice between the schools taking part, which included those in our proposed MAT (multi-academy trust). Leaders shared work on planning for progression of skills and knowledge in foundation subjects such as Geography and Art, as well as observing and giving feedback on pupils' work across a range of different subjects.

Working together with our partnership schools is an excellent way to reflect on and develop our curriculum as we continue to ensure that teaching, learning and outcomes - as well as our curriculum offer - are the best possible for our children.

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 12th 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.

Children in Need Day

Next Friday, **Friday, 15th November** is Children in Need Day. Pupils may come to school in non-uniform but are asked to wear something spotty and also to bring 50p for the Children in Need Appeal.

Pupils have been asked to bring in donations of cakes which can be sold at breaktime to raise money for the appeal. ***Please note that any cakes sent into school must be NUT FREE as we have children in school with serious allergies to nuts.***

All week, Year 6 pupils will be selling a special 'Children in Need' activity pack they have designed (50p). Thank you to Miss Coleman for organising this event.



Additional School Closure

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

Twitter

Please follow our school on Twitter. The teachers regularly post photos and news of activities happening in school.

Groundforce Morning

A huge thank you to all the families who came along on Saturday 19th October to our Groundforce Morning. Everyone worked hard to tidy our school grounds and plant up all the containers with pansies and cyclamen.



NOSPA NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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NOSPA AGM

Our AGM takes place tonight at 6pm in the meeting room (near the school office). All are welcome to attend. We are extremely short on numbers and to continue to be able to run NOSPA school events we need as many members as possible.

Flip & Dippy - Friday 15th November 6.30-8pm

This year's show will take place next Friday 15th November. Doors will open at 6pm and show will start at 6.30pm. Great family show. Letters have been sent via school email. Further copies will be available at the school office. Tickets are £4.00 per person.

Christmas Card Designs

Christmas Cards will be available at the start of December. A message will be sent when a confirmed delivery date is known.

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

Impact Sessions

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

Monday 11th November 9.15 a.m. Mr Wood's Maths set

Wednesday 13th November 9.15 a.m.

Mrs Reames' Maths set

Thursday 14th November 9.15 a.m. Miss Reardon's Maths set

Year 4 Impact Sessions will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 19th November 9.15 a.m. Mrs Hack's English set

Wednesday 20th November 9.15 a.m.

Mrs Strothers' and Mrs Sale's English set

Thursday 21st November 9.15 a.m.

Mrs Devine's English set

Year 3 Impact sessions will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 26th November 9.15 a.m. Mrs Davey's Maths set

Wednesday 27th November 9.15 a.m.

Ms Boora's Maths set

Thursday 28th November 9.15 a.m. Miss Croton'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.

Nursery Places

There is a possibility we may be able to offer some 'Rising-3s' places in our Nursery in January and/or April. If you have a child who has their 3rd birthday between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, please ensure you register for a place at our Nursery as soon as possible.

Please contact Mrs Kerr in the School Office to register your child.

Christmas Performance Schedule

Our Christmas performance schedule is as follows:

Wednesday 11th December: A Nursery Rhyme Nativity at 10.30 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. (Nursery)

Monday 16th December: Christmas Assembly (Years 3 and 4) 9.15 a.m. / 2.15 p.m. Year 3 parents attend a.m./Year 4 parents attend p.m. please

Tuesday 17th December: 'Festival of Carols and Readings' at St. Columba's Church at 1.45 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. (Years 5 and 6)

Wednesday 18th December: 'A Christmas Recipe' Nativity at 9.15 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. (Reception and Year 1) Year 1 parents attend a.m./Reception parents attend p.m. please.

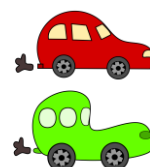
Thursday 19th December: Christmas Assembly at 9.15 a.m. (Year 2).

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 4 for parents: A Parent's Guide to WhatsApp. 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.

Speech Recital

Speech and Drama pupils will be taking part in a Speech Recital in the Infant Hall on **Wednesday 27th November** at 4.15 p.m. Parents of these pupils are invited to attend.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair during the last week of half term. We sold £791.22 worth of books which entitles us to £418.33 of books for school.

Eco-Council Up-cycling Competition

A reminder that the closing date for our Eco-Council Up-cycling competition is tomorrow, **Friday 8th November**. Thank you to Eco-Council for organising this exciting competition!

Remembrance Poppies

Poppies are currently on sale in school.

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



Flu Vaccinations

The flu vaccinations have been rescheduled for **Wednesday 20th November**.

Instrument Lessons Availability

There are currently spaces for Junior children to have clarinet, flute and cello lessons. Please contact Mrs Jones in the School Office for further details.

4D Swimming Lessons

Forward notice that the replacement swimming lesson week (to replace the lessons cancelled in Year 3) will be the week beginning 8th June 2020. The class will have lessons on the Tuesday onwards.

Christmas Dinner

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



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.

Remembrance Day Poem

I was very impressed by a lovely Remembrance Day poem which Thomas Adamson in Year 4 wrote at home and brought to share with us in school. I hope you enjoy reading it.

The Poppy

The poppy in its blood red dress
Dancing like a ballerina in the wind.

A reminder of the people who died in the Great War.

The coat of arms for the people
Who will be our heroes forever more.

A symbol of the people who were prepared to give
their lives so this country could live by its own laws.

The coat of arms,
The symbol
And the reminder of the people that died in the Great War
is the poppy.

By Thomas Adamson



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

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

Thursday 7 th November	9.15 a.m.	Year 6 Impact session (6C English set)
Friday 8 th November		Closing date for upcycling competition entries
Monday 11 th November	9.15 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	5W Maths set Impact Silence to mark Remembrance Day
Tuesday 12 th November	9.15 a.m./6.00 p.m.	Open Day sessions for prospective Reception parents
Wednesday 13 th November	9.15 a.m.	5R Maths set Impact Four Oaks Assembly Team leading assemblies
Thursday 14 th November	9.15 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	5C Maths set Impact Full Governing Body meeting
Tuesday 19 th November	9.15 a.m.	4H English set Impact
Wednesday 20 th November	9.15 a.m.	4S English set Impact Flu vaccinations all day
Thursday 21 st November	9.15 a.m.	4D English set Impact
Tuesday 26 th November	9.15 a.m.	3D Maths set Impact
Wednesday 27 th November	9.15 a.m. 4.15 p.m.	3B Maths set Impact Speech and Drama Recital in Infant Hall
Thursday 28 th November	9.15 a.m.	3C Maths set Impact
Friday 29 th November	2.45 p.m.	5W Class Assembly
Wednesday 4 th December		Nursery to visit postbox to post letter to Father Christmas
Thursday 5 th December		Christmas Post starts in school
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