



Newsletter

Autumn 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to begin by saying a huge thanks to everyone for supporting our Parent Consultation Day. The feedback provided has been really positive. We believe the day worked well, allowing you to have quality time with your child's teacher. Your comments emphasised how useful and informative the meetings were and the time element allowed you to have more in-depth discussions with your child's teacher about their learning and progress.

Our class assemblies have been enjoyed by all so please do keep coming along as we want to celebrate and showcase what the children do. We received some very generous donations for the Harvest Assembly so thank you. The donations were sent to the local food bank and were greatly appreciated.

Elections for school council were held earlier this term. Representatives were elected from each class, (Year 2 to Year 6) and the children have already had meetings this term. We look forward to our school council members taking an active role and voicing their opinions and views which we value hugely.

The next few weeks are really busy as we lead up to the festive period so please do check the events/activities section. Whilst we continue to deliver all aspects of the curriculum and ensure children's learning continues at the same pace, we have incorporated a number of special activities for the children to enjoy and enhance their learning.

Curriculum update – our children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 have been introduced to Little Wandle Phonics to develop their early reading skills. The approach to teaching letters and sounds using the structured programme provides children with more scope to practice and secure their knowledge from the very start. Our aim remains to ensure children are able to read fluently by the time they join Key Stage 2. We have had some parent workshops and have others planned in the not too distant future to support parents.

Year 6 children have started the weekly booster sessions in preparation for SATs and hope children feel that the little bit of extra focus will support them further. We will be sharing additional information about SATs with parents at a workshop planned this half term.

May I remind parents to be considerate of where they park when collecting and dropping off children, as we have had a few of the local residents complaining of cars in front of driveways or blocking vehicles. Please respect our neighbours. KS2 dismissal time can get quite congested so please be mindful of each other when you collecting children. As a school we are looking at further options as to how this might be resolved. I will keep you updated.

Children's progress and learning is always our key priority, hoping of course, that everyone enjoys the rest of the term.

Mrs N. Matharu

Executive Headteacher

Please note:

Keep your child safe from cyber-bullying!

1. Always ask before you send a picture or information that could be shared with other people.
Remember that you don't know what will happen to any pictures or information you let people have. What you think of as a joke might be really upsetting for the other person when the whole world sees it.
2. Think before you send a message about yourself or any other people involved. It doesn't take long for it to be shared with every single person you know - from your best friend to your grandmother to your worst enemy!
3. Never give out personal information when it can be shared with others. You may trust your own friends, but you do not know his or her friends.....
4. Treat your password like your toothbrush - don't let anyone else use it!
5. If you receive nasty messages, texts, comments etc., block the person sending them and always report it to an adult - a parent, someone at school, or your service provider.
6. Don't reply to a bullying message but do keep it—whether it is a picture, message or online communication.

For more information see www.kidscape.org.uk/cyberbullying/

Fundraising

Friday 15th November

Non-uniform day

Please donate £1



Thank you for your generosity. We raised £263 for



Jolly Jumper Day

Thursday 12th December

Non-Uniform Day please wear your festive jumper

£1 donation to raise funds for Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity



Christmas Lunch

Turkey Dinner

with creamy mash, roast potatoes
sage and onion stuffing, yorkshire
pudding, brussel sprouts and
cauliflower

Quorn roast

**Chocolate covered Neapolitan
ice cream**

Events/Activities

Monday 11th November—Y6 Football Tournament at Bescot Stadium

Tuesday 12th November, 9am— Y1 Phonics/Reading Workshop for par-

Friday 15th November—Children In Need Day (Non-Uniform)

Monday 18th November—Dogs Trust Workshop for KS2 children

Tuesday 19th November—Y3 visit Darlaston Library

Dogs Trust Workshop for KS2 children

Wednesday 20th November - Dogs Trust Workshop for KS1 children

Y5 Parents invited for Assembly 9.10am

Thursday 21st November—Y6 visit Darlaston Library

Monday 25th November— Tempest Photography visit for Individual & Sibling Photos

Tuesday 26th November—Y5 visit Darlaston Library

Y1 Freshwater Theatre Company performing 'Florence Nightingale'

Thursday 28th November—Y3 Freshwater Theatre Company performing 'The Stone Age'

Friday 29th November—Y6 SATs Workshop, 2pm



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Monday 2nd December— Y4 West Midlands Fire Service Team ' Sparks Workshop'

Tuesday 3rd December—Y6 visit The Grand Theatre 'Beauty and the Beast'

Wednesday 4th December—Y1 Parents invited

Thursday 5th December—Reception, Y1 & Y2 'Jack and the Beanstalk' Pantomime

Tuesday 10th December—Y3 & Y4 visit The Old Rep Theatre 'Wizard of Oz'

Thursday 12th December— Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas meal

Friday 13th December—Y5 visit The Grand Theatre 'Beauty and the Beast'

Monday 16th December—Early Years Nativity 9.15am

Early Years Nativity 2.15pm

Tuesday 17th December— Y3 Christmas Craft Parent Workshop, 2pm

Wednesday 18th December—House team winners activity

Thursday 19th December—Early Years Party Day and meet Santa

Friday 20th December—Non-Uniform Day Party Day



Term Dates 2024/25

**School closes Friday 20th December,
3.15pm**

**and re-opens to all pupils on
Monday 6th January 2025**