



# Newsletter

Spring 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back everyone and a **Happy New Year** to you all. Hope you had a lovely, restful break and enjoyed the time together.

The Autumn term was full of special events and activities to support learning which we hope to replicate as we progress throughout the remainder of this academic year. The final week in December was particularly exciting! A huge well done goes to **IGNIS**, the winning house – the children celebrated their win with a musical afternoon, singing and dancing and thoroughly enjoying themselves.

You will be aware that we acknowledge the achievements of children in our weekly assemblies and children receive certificates and awards for many aspects relating to academic progress, meeting the expectations of being a 5 star pupil as well as gaining the most dojos.

We have also introduced termly awards, per class, in recognition of pupils' academic achievements so well done to everyone who received one of these certificates!

A number of children took part in the **30 day challenge to improve their attendance**, so well done if the challenge was achieved successfully! This is something we do each half term, to try and ensure your child's attendance can be improved. Children receive a prize and a golden ticket for improved attendance when it gets to above 90%. Children who have excellent attendance receive additional golden tickets. All the golden tickets then go into a prize draw.

**Prize winners for Autumn 2024:**

Year 2 - £25 voucher—Layla

Year 3 - £50 voucher—Raigan

Year 4 - £10 voucher—Aneeka

**Please be reminded it is important your child arrives in school, between 8.30am - 8.50am so that they do not miss out on their morning work activities.**

We are excited and ready to start the Spring term 2025 and as always, have lots happening over the next few weeks. Please take a look at all that is planned and how we continue to provide children with engaging activities for them to participate in alongside developing the academic aspects.

I do need to mention again, that parking at the end of the day, remains a concern. We receive regular complaints from residents and whilst we monitor the situation as well as we can, it is difficult. May I please ask that you are considerate when parking, particularly in the side roads near the school. Please be aware that police patrols do take place frequently.

Your support in what we do is absolutely fabulous and I would like to thank you and say how much it is always appreciated.

Mrs N. Matharu

Executive Headteacher

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## **Spring Term 1 Activities / Events**

We have a great term ahead so please make a note of the things that are coming up. Ensuring children are provided with a wide range of opportunities at school is very important to us. Our aim is to incorporate as many different, enriching experiences as possible for them. This term we have the following taking place:

### **Street Teams Computing Workshop**

**The Street Teams will be focussing on a variety of aspects around Online Safety**

Reception will focus on discussing Online Safety with puppet, having interactive but having those safe conversations.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be learning about staying safe when using a range of online devices.

Year 3 and Year 4 will be having interactive discussions about both social media influences and keeping safe.

Year 5 and Year 6 will be learning about both social media influences and keeping safe online and in the wider community.

**Please see dates of workshops being held in school**

**Tuesday 14th January**

**Wednesday 15th January**



### **Animal Man visit Y2 on Wednesday 22nd January**

The animal man will be visiting Year 2 as part of our Geography topic, Kenya. We will be learning about lots of different animals, where they come from and we will get to handle the animals carefully.

The Animals that will come along will be:



**Snake, frog, skunk, owl, cockroach and hedgehog**



### **EXPLORER DOME**

On Tuesday 21st January, Year 3 and Reception will experience taking a closer look at aspects relating to their topic work. Year 3 will focus on tectonic plates for their Geography topic and Reception will be thinking about Space.

### **AQUA Charity Day**

**Aqua Charity Day is on Thursday 13th February please send your child/children in blue.**

We will be raising money for the Police charity. Children will be taking part in activities throughout the day and be completing tasks to help their understanding about how important police officers' roles are in our community.





Census day – Thursday 16th January

Our menu for Thursday 16th January Census day will be:

Meat Tacos  
Quorn Tacos  
Pommes noisettes  
Vanilla sprinkle cake  
Fresh fruit salad

**Alternative Jacket potato and Pasta**

We would like to see as many children enjoying school meals, our menu is available online or from the school office

Children who are in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 are eligible for free school meals and do not need to pay.

For all those who are not, please pay £2.20 in a sealed envelope with the name of your child clearly displayed on it

**Reception 2025**

If your child was born between **1 September 2020 & 31 August 2021** the primary online portal will open on the 4 November 2024 for parents to apply for their child's admission into Reception in September 2025.

Online applications are still open for Reception 2025. Please note, it's crucial to submit your application on or before the national deadline day to ensure it's considered as an on-time application. The deadline for on-time primary applications is **15 January 2025**. Please ensure your application is submitted before this date.

If you require assistance, you can contact the school office



**Jolly Jumper Day - December 2024**

**King's Hill raised £ for Birmingham Children's Hospital**

Jay from BCH's fundraising team came into school to thank children for their donations and talked about how their donations help. King's Hill support this charity annually and have raised in total over £239

**Thank you for all donations**



**Thank you for your generosity. We raised an amazing £301.11**

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**Darlaston Library Dates for your Diary**



Thursday 23rd January—Y6

Tuesday 28th January—Y3

Tuesday 4th February—Y5

Tuesday 11th February—Y1

**Half term**

**School closes on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February normal time and re-opens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February for all pupils**