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IN THE KNOW

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our **new monthly newsletter**. We have decided to move away from weekly Newsletters so all staff can contribute regarding things going on within the whole school so we can share more with you in a monthly letter – as you will see!

Jubilee

Next week, we finish on Friday for half term. As the Queen's Platinum Jubilee falls within this school holiday, we are going to hold a Jubilee Fair after school. Each class are organising a stall selling items costing between 50p to £1.00 so please come along and have some fun at the fair with your children.



Lates!



place to be on time.

Please can parents ensure they are dropping their children off on time AND collecting them on time at the end of the day. School starts at 8.40am and finishes at 3.15pm and clubs finish at 4pm. We have a duty to log any child who is late or not being collected on time on our system. If this is persistent, it is raised as a concern. We appreciate that every now and then there may be an exceptional circumstance, however, this should not be a regular occurrence. Please can you ensure you have plans in

We hope you enjoy reading all the information in our first monthly edition. We look forward to developing this communication format with you over time.

Kind regards,

Mr Brown & Miss Briner

A reminder of the days that your children should have their PE kits and musical instruments in school.

PE Days

Monday – Reception, Class 2 and Class 3

Tuesday – Class 2 and Class 4

Wednesday – Class 1 and Class 5

Thursday – Class 1 and Class 3 Swimming for Classes 5 and 5/6

Friday – Class 4 and Class 5/6



Music days

Monday – Class 3 Singing – whole class. Class 5/6 – small group woodwind.

Wednesday – Class 4 Brass – whole class. Class 5 and 6 – small group cello

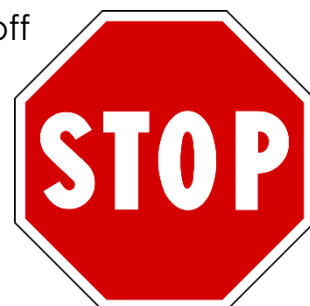
Thursday – Class 2 violin – whole class.

Friday – Class 3 – violin – whole class.



School Carpark

Please be aware that the lower part of the carpark is blocked off each morning and each afternoon for a reason. We ask that no one moves the barriers and simply drives through. If the barriers are not in place, it is because someone has moved them and not put them back. Please do not think that they have been moved to allow you access to this part of the carpark. Small children have to walk across this area and don't always look out for cars.



Primary Library



Our Primary Library has had a makeover and is now looking fabulous. In fact, one Year 2 pupil said "It feels like home!" as she was relaxing on a comfy seat reading her book.

We are hoping to get some Family Reading Sessions booked in for next half term, so that you can also share this wonderful space with your child. Look out for dates and times.



We also have 15 Year 5/6 Librarians. Their duties include: supervising the library during morning break, listening to pupils read and organising and maintaining the books in the Library. We even had our first official Librarian meeting to share all our wonderful ideas on how to make our Library the best it can be.

We also have an after-school Library Club, where we work on the library each week, making improvements to displays and carrying out activities. It really is a lovely place that is valued highly by staff and pupils alike.

Finally, if you have any books which you would like to donate, please feel free to send them in with your child.



A huge thank you to Miss Bell, who has, single-handedly, transformed the library.

Rob Ankcorn

On Wednesday 18th May, Year 6 had the privilege of welcoming Rob Ankcorn into school. Rob is an author and an explorer of the local area. With our topic being 'comparative study between Birmingham and Rio de Janeiro', his talk with the year 6 children was very informative. It gave us lots of information to help with our topic this half term.

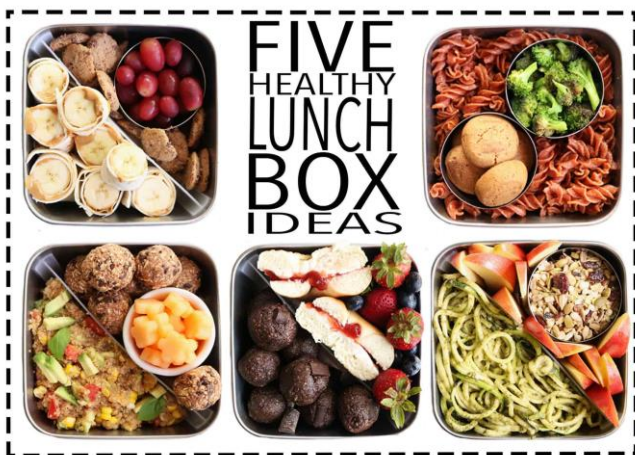


Drinks and Healthy Snacks

We encourage all children to drink during the day. However, some children have started to bring in energy and sports drinks. These are not allowed in school. They are too high in sugar and should be avoided by children this young. We ask that you provide your child with a water bottle that they can refill during the day. Children are provided with a bagel in the morning. However, if you want them to have a snack too, please ensure that it is a healthy one. We do not allow bags of sweets, chocolate bars or bags of crisps. Healthy options include fruit, low sugar cereal bars, etc. Children bringing in any of the items that are not allowed will not be able to consume them during the school day.



Healthy Lunchbox



Thank you to all parents who send their child in with a healthy lunch. It is so important that during their physical development, children eat a healthy balanced diet. Please ensure that you do not send your child with a packed lunch containing family sized bags of crisps and biscuits. A reminder that chocolate and any product containing nuts are also not allowed.

Unpaid School Dinner Money

Please note that any unpaid school dinner money will need to be paid by the end of June 22. Individuals will be contacted before the end of term concerning this matter. Please note – if this debt is not paid, it will have to be passed on to an agency to follow up. We want to avoid this for all parents so please ensure that all monies outstanding are paid. If you need to set up a payment plan, please contact Mr Brown who will be happy to assist.



Year 6 SATs

As many of you are aware, Year 6 sat their SATs last week (WC 9th May). We are so proud of how hard they tried. The attitude of every child was fantastic and we could not have asked for any more. A special mention also goes out to the Year 5's, who united as one whole class for the week with Miss Johnson and managed to achieve 100% attendance 3 days that week.

As a treat, Mr King, Miss Johnson, Mrs Nico and Miss Jones took the year 5's and 6's to Manor Farm Park.



Year 2 SATs

Well done to all of our Year 2 children, who have completed the KS1 SATs. They have all worked really hard and although they are not yet marked, we are certain they have produced some great results. As a treat for all their effort, they have had a doughnut afternoon!



Phonics Screening

Phonics screening for year 1 will take place between the 6th and 10th June. Please can you make sure your children are in this week every day. All Year 1 children in England will take the test. Any children in Year 2 who either missed the test or scored below the required pass mark, will retake the test at this time too. Miss McLynskey will let you know if your child in Year 2 will need to take part in this.


Attendance and Punctuality

We are going to be talking to children a lot more about their school attendance to ensure that they are in school, every day. When children miss days off school, it effects their learning, especially over time. We want children to develop good habits that they then take into adulthood.

As a school, we are setting targets with each class to get 100% attendance at least 3 days a week. If children are able to do this, they will earn themselves a class treat. 😊

We are aiming for the whole school to achieve 95% in the first instance and then we will work to raise this so the children can achieve the best possible outcomes.

Whole School	92.7%
Reception	92%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	91%
Year 5	93%
Year 5/6	94%



ATTENDANCE

THERE ARE **175** NON SCHOOL DAYS IN A YEAR That's 175 days in which to book appointments, holidays, family time and go shopping.


0 DAYS OF ABSENCE	6 DAYS OF ABSENCE	7.5 DAYS OF ABSENCE	15 DAYS OF ABSENCE	19 DAYS OF ABSENCE	28.5 DAYS OF ABSENCE
190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	184 DAYS OF EDUCATION	182.5 DAYS OF EDUCATION	175 DAYS OF EDUCATION	171 DAYS OF EDUCATION	161.5 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	97%	96%	92%	90%	85%
EXCELLENT	GOOD	CAUSE FOR CONCERN	SERIOUS CAUSE FOR CONCERN <small>All absences will require medical evidence from this point onwards</small>	EXTREME CAUSE FOR CONCERN <small>Classed as a 'Persistent Absentee'</small>	CRITICAL <small>Classed as a 'Persistent Absentee'</small>

DID YOU KNOW...

A two week term-time holiday will mean that the highest attendance a child can achieve is

94.7%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



DID YOU KNOW...

As few as **19 missed days** over the school year reduces your child's chance of success. **Your child's GCSE results could drop by one grade across ALL of their subjects.**

PUNCTUALITY

MINUTES LATE EACH DAY	DAYS LOST
5 MINUTES LATE	3 DAYS LOST
10 MINUTES LATE EACH DAY	6.5 DAYS LOST
15 MINUTES LATE EACH DAY	10 DAYS LOST
20 MINUTES LATE	13 DAYS LOST
30 MINUTES LATE	19 DAYS LOST

Every minute counts!

DID YOU KNOW...


Research shows that when student attend school regularly they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Keep up with work and homework
- Have better career prospects
- Have more stable, close friendships
- Learn to look after themselves and be healthy.

STUDENTS WITH 5 GOOD GCSE'S WILL EARN

£350,000

MORE OVER THEIR LIFETIME



Easter Competition – Bournville Primary

In Bournville Primary, pupils were set a competition over the Easter holidays to create an Easter Hat or decorate an egg. We had some fantastic entries and to be quite honest, choosing winners was a tricky job for the judges. In total, 18 certificates and prizes were awarded and parents were sent a TOP SECRET message to attend an assembly on Friday to watch their children receive their prizes.

All eggs were then displayed in Primary and parents and pupils were able to take a look at all the entries. It created such a buzz that pupils who didn't enter were asking when the next competition will be so they can enter next time!

Winners

Y1: Harvey & Elsie

Y2: Gabriel & Sophie

Y3: Isabel & Opal

Y4: Alex & Heidi

Y5: Sina & Suniya

Y5/6: Seb & Max

Key Stage Winners:

Grant (Y1) & Anna-Maria (Y6)

Overall Winners:

Charlie (Y1) & Sina (Y2)

Jess G (Y6) & Anastasia (Y6)





Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 24th May – Football Match – Primary Team

Friday 27th May – Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee

Friday 27th May – Children break up for half term

Monday 6th June – Children return to school

Tuesday 7th June – Y2 & Y6 trip to Mosque

Thursday 30th June – Sports Day (weather permitting)

Thursday 21st July – Children break up for Summer

School Trips and Events

Reception Class – Atwell Farm Park 20th June

Class 1 Cadbury World 23rd June

Class 2 Cadbury World 23rd June

 Mosque Trip 7th June

Class 3 TBC

Class 4 Think Tank

Class 5 Space Centre

Class 5/6 Football 24th May

 Mosque Trip 7th June

 Matilda Theatre Trip with secondary 13th July