

Newsletter—1st May 2015

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 4th May—Bank holiday

Tuesday 5th May—School Nurse Asthma Awareness 9.30-10am

Wednesday 6th May—Pasta King at lunchtime

Thursday 7th May—Training day

Friday 8th May—Training day

Monday 11th—Friday 15th May— Y6 SATs

Monday 18th May—Friday 22nd May —Y6 at Ingestre Hall

Thursday 21st May—Parent Wellcomm workshop

Friday 22nd May—break up for half term

Monday 1st June—Training day

Tuesday 2nd June—Children return to school

Thursday 11th June—Year 5 trip to Cosford

Friday 12th June—
- 5P class assembly
- Y3 trip to Cannock Chase

Thursday 18th June— Year 2 trip to Weston-Super-Mare

Friday 19th June— 3C class assembly

Friday 26th June—1V class assembly

Friday 3rd July—FoH disco

Friday 17th July—Break up for summer

Thursday 3rd September—Training day

Friday 4th September—Training day

Monday 7th September—Children return to school

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The summer term is here and we are fortunate that we have already had some sunny weather. The children will be having a reminder of sun safety in a forthcoming assembly, but in the meantime, can I ask that you provide your child with a sunhat to protect the children when they are outside at play. You are also more than welcome to send in suntan lotion, (labelled with your child's name!) for your child to apply.



As well as a sun safety assembly, following the safety theme, the children will also have a stranger danger assembly this term.

I would like to remind you all that due to bank holiday, election day and a training day, the children will be in school for Tuesday and Wednesday only next week. We will be back to normal on the 11th May.

I am pleased to announce that our Deputy, Mrs Garratt, is expecting her second baby. We are all so very pleased for her.

Places for September

All of our Reception and Nursery places have now been allocated for September. I am aware that due to being over-subscribed we have some disappointed Nursery families who have not been able to secure places in Reception. I really do appreciate that this is a stressful time for these families and we will be sorry to lose children and families who we have got to know, or in some cases, have known for many years.

SATs

A reminder that Year 6 will complete their SATS during the week commencing 11th May. It is very important that all of the children are in school that week as these tests cannot be repeated or taken at another time.



Year 2 will be taking their tests on various dates during May and June. Year 2 staff will be holding a briefing session for parents - details to follow.

Attendance Policy Changes

We recently updated our Attendance Policy, which can be found on our website, and following approval from

governors at a recent meeting I wanted to bring to your attention some of the changes;

The significant changes concern the procedure for parents/guardians requesting leave of absence. For your information, this is as follows:

1. Request a Leave of Absence form from the school office
2. Complete the form fully, clearly explaining why you consider that the request is exceptional
3. **It is also the responsibility of parents to provide the school with proof of why the leave is requested. Proof of the circumstances must be provided when the written request is made.**
4. Wherever possible, the completed form should be handed to the office no later than 4 weeks before the date that the leave of absence is requested.

The request will be processed in school within 5 working days and parents will be notified in writing of the decision. Any request made later than the timescales specified will be denied and the absence unauthorised unless the request could not have been made earlier due to a bereavement.

Number 3 has been highlighted for your information as this is an addition to our existing policy. Please note that it is parent's/guardian's responsibility to provide proof of why the leave of absence is needed. This policy is comes into effect immediately.

We ask for the co-operation of all of our parents in following this policy. As you will be able to read in the full version on our website, the Government is increasing the expectations of attendance of children at schools and anyone with an attendance of below 90% from September will be classed as a 'Persistent Absentee', hence the Governor's decision to revise our policy.

Whilst we do understand that children are of course ill, it is increasingly important that time off during term time is not taken for reasons other than illness wherever possible. This will help to avoid your child falling below the 90% threshold.

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KS2 Easter Eggs

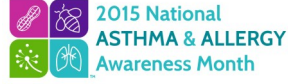
The following children won the KS2 Easter Egg competition which took place just before the Easter holidays.

Congratulations to them and well done to everyone who took part, there were some really stunning creations this year.


- Year 3—Chloe Beckett-Whitmore and Marshall Blanchard
- Year 4—Ashley Stewart and Madelaine Priest
- Year 5—Abbie Davies and Abby Holness
- Year 6—Joshua Aston and Emily Tovey

World Asthma Day

World Asthma Day will take place on 5 May 2015. Sue Harding from the School Nursing Team will be available for any parents wanting to find out more about asthma or need advice and guidance either for their child, themselves or another family member. She will be here on Tuesday 5th May in the Discovery Den from 9.30am for approximately half an hour. Refreshments will be available.



Accident Slips

 This is to remind you that our accident slips will soon be changing. They will contain the same information but will look slightly different.

Pasta King

On 6th May Fresh Catering will be promoting a new lunch option. They will be offering pasta with a variety of sauces. Depending on how popular this is, it may be offered permanently two days per week instead of the jacket potato option.

Parent Questionnaire

As promised in the last newsletter, attached are the collated results of the parent questionnaires completed at our last parents' evening. Your comments and suggestions will be taken on board and staff and governors will be thinking about ways that some of your ideas and suggestions can be addressed at our staff training day next week. Thank you once again to all of the parents who completed the questionnaire.

Healthy Living Week

At the start of the year, I wrote to you all asking which activities your children take part in outside of school and I would like to thank the parents who returned the slips to inform me of their child/rens interests. Further to this, all children took part in a Healthy Living Week last week, where they took part in different sports led by staff who have been trained in the field and have a keen interest in it, as well as staff from West Bromwich Albion. They also took part in lessons where they were made more aware of the benefits of having different foods from the food groups and how this can impact their body. Children should have brought home a BHF Pocket Planner too, to encourage them to record their activities and build it up to 60 minutes. With the weather improving over the next couple of weeks, I hope the children embrace the different sports they encountered last week and see how they can use and adapt them, alongside having healthy snacks, to lead a healthier lifestyle. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come in and ask. Mrs Patel.



Attendance Reminder

Reminder: if your child needs to attend a medical appointment please try to bring you child to school beforehand for them to receive their mark. Your child can then be signed out via the school office when they need to leave to attend the appointment. If your child arrives late at school due to a medical appointment, evidence of the appointment time will need to be provided to enable a decision to be made as to whether the absence can be authorised or not.

Term Dates for 2015-2016

Autumn Term 2015

Training day: Thursday 3rd September

Training day: Friday 4th September

Children return: Monday 7th September

Half term holiday: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2015

Term ends: Friday 18th December 2015

Christmas holiday: Monday 21st December 2015 to Friday 1st January 2016

Spring term 2016

Term starts: Monday 4th January 2016

Half term holiday: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2016

Term ends: Thursday 24th March 2016

Easter holiday: Friday 25th March to Friday 8th April 2016

Summer term 2016

Term starts: Monday 11th April 2016

Bank holiday: Monday 2nd May 2016

Half term holiday: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2016

Term ends: Friday 22nd July 2016

Summer holiday: From Monday 25th July 2016