

## Newsletter - 3rd June 2014

### Dates for your Diaries

- Wednesday 4th June**—Year 5 trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
- Monday 9th June**—  
- Reception trip to Twycross Zoo  
- Year 1 trip to Black Country Museum
- Friday 13th June**—  
- Mufti Day  
- 1H class assembly
- Saturday 14th June**—Summer Fayre
- Wednesday 18th June**—Books and Beyond Awards Ceremony at 2.30pm
- Friday 20th June**—2G class assembly
- Monday 23rd June**—Nursery AM trip to Sandwell Valley
- Wednesday 25th June**—Nursery PM trip to Sandwell Valley
- Thursday 26th June**—Year 2 trip to Weston-Super-Mare
- Friday 27th June**—RP class assembly
- Monday 30th June**—Year 3 Brass Assembly
- Friday 4th July**—Foundation (Nursery and Reception) Sports Day
- Thursday 10th July**—Year 6 Leaver's Performance
- Friday 11th July**—  
- Key Stage 2 Sports Day AM  
- Key Stage 1 Sports Day PM  
- New Parents Induction Meeting -  
- Nursery 2pm  
- Reception 2.45pm  
- Reports out to parents
- Monday 14th—Friday 18th July**—Book fayre
- Tuesday 15th July**—Keyboard Assembly
- Tuesday 22nd July**—School breaks up for summer

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back for the last half term of this academic year! I hope that you managed to have an enjoyable half term despite the weather!

### News

Our Science and Cookery Room was officially opened by Brian Aldridge, Director of Learning and Culture on the 21<sup>st</sup> May. Some of you may have seen the photographs in the local newspapers. It is a wonderful asset for our children and cookery lessons will start in earnest in September as part of the new National Curriculum. We had a competition in school to name our new room and a big well done to Liam in Year 6 whose idea of 'The Discovery Den' was chosen. It's a fantastic name which represents wonderfully all of the Science, Technology and Cookery learning that the children will be doing in there.

Just to let you know that Miss Smith (our Deputy Head), was married recently and her new name is Mrs Garratt. Congratulations also to Mr Greer who has also recently celebrated his marriage.



### Thank you!



A big thank you to all of the parents and volunteers, who gave up a weekend (and more!) to replace the fencing on our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 playground. They included Phil Margetts, Simon Bissell, Ian Woodward, Ian Giles, Diane Adams, the Hipkiss family, Robin Jennings, Nicola and Kelly Millership, Tony Ruddock, Mrs Lewis and Harry Dobson.

### Parent Views

Thank you to all of the parents who completed the questionnaires to tell us your views at the last parents' evening. The collation of these is attached. There are some discrepancies in the totals as not all parents realised that there was a back to the questionnaire! We will try to make it clearer next year. Your comments have been taken on board and staff and governors worked together last week on one of our training days, thinking about ways that some of your ideas and suggestions can be addressed.

### Summer Fayre

Don't forget that it is our annual summer fayre on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 12noon – 3pm. We will be having a mufti day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June and ask children to come into school wearing their own clothes and bring in something for the summer fayre. This year, can we ask for the following items:



- Foundation and Key Stage 1 - chocolates
- Year 3 and 4 - bottles
- Year 5 and 6 - teddy bears

Your help with this really helps to make our fayre a success, so thank you in advance.

### Attendance

Can I please remind you that school starts promptly at 8.50am, which is when pupils have numeracy or literacy lessons. Doors open promptly at 8.40am. Any children arriving after the bell at 8.50am will be given a late mark and the number of minutes recorded. Parents of children that are late will be notified weekly of the total learning time missed through lateness. Any children arriving after close of registers at 9.05am will receive an unauthorised absence mark, unless lateness is due to a medical appointment for which proof must be provided.

### Attendance Awards

Congratulations and well done to the winners of our attendance prizes for the second Spring half term, who were;  
EYFS and Key Stage 1—Jessica Dipple  
Key Stage 2—Melford Roberts-Ford

### New School Logo

I'm pleased to confirm that our new school motto will be 'Roots to Grow and Wings to Fly'. We have asked children to design a new school logo to represent this, which needs to be handed into Mrs Heap by Monday 9th June. We are in the very early stages of designing the new logo, which is likely to take a while to implement, so please don't worry about purchasing new uniform as transition to the new logo will be a gradual process as and when children grow out of their uniform.