



NEWSLETTER MAY 2017

Although it's hard to believe we are in May already, it is proving to be a very busy month. This week Year 6 have completed their SATs. We are all very proud of how committed and focused they have been to their studies, particularly coming into school early for several weeks for additional support from the SATs surgery. Thank you Mrs Thomas for organizing this, as I know how much the children have benefitted. I would also like to thank all parents who have supported their children this week, particularly by making sure they were ready to do their best—ensuring they went to bed at an appropriate time, ate properly and hopefully got some exercise also.

Staff in Year 6 have been fantastic, so thank you Mrs Thomas, Mrs Coughlan, Mrs Palmer and Mrs West.

As a school, our focus now shifts to supporting children in Year 2 who will be completing their SATs over the coming two weeks. Again, a huge thanks to you, as parents, if you have been working to support your child. Fortunately, these tests are less formal than Year 6, but just as important. The SATs results give us a good indication of what we are doing well in terms of Maths and English. However, as you can see from the rest of this newsletter, as a school, we place just as much importance on all other aspects of the curriculum.

Year 5 Trips to Birmingham Central Mosque

As part of our R.E. Curriculum, Year 5's Multi-Faith educational visit this year was to the Birmingham Central Mosque. On Wednesday 3rd May Team Roberts and then on Thursday 4th May Team Steadman had guided tours of this impressive building - the largest mosque in the UK.

Our guide, Hateeb, took us all around the mosque building, clearly explaining what each area was for and its significance for the worshippers who attend there. Experiencing this fascinating building really helped deepen our understanding of this interesting faith and gave us all lasting memories.

Thank you Hateeb for being such an informative and generous guide, and Birmingham Central Mosque for making us feel welcome.



Ash End Farm

On Wednesday 26th April Nursery and Reception went to visit Ash End Farm as we have begun our new topic about New Life. We learnt all about the animals and what their baby animals are called. We fed the ducks, goats and sheep and even got to choose our own egg that had been freshly laid by a hen. When we arrived we were greeted by Ickie the owl, and some of us held him on our arm! We had a great day and can't wait to learn more about the different animals.



Trips coming up

18 May - Team Spencer — Guru Nanak Gurdwara

19 May - Team Davis - Guru Nanak Gurdwara

11 July - Year 5 - Cadbury World

Curriculum

Parents, if you would like to know more about the curriculum planned for your children, this can be found on our website under 'Our School'. If you have any queries please speak to the class teacher.

Grammar Schools' Admissions - September 2018

Children who are, or have been, registered for Pupil Premium (Free School Meals) are now given priority within their admission policies. The schools are free to attend and do not have catchment areas.

Children only need to sit one entrance test to be considered for any of the 8 Grammar Schools in Birmingham. The entrance test for any of the Grammar Schools' in Birmingham will be held on Saturday 9 September 2017.

You need to register for the test by 4pm on 30th June. To register and find out more information please visit

www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

The Schools of King Edward VI in Birmingham

Open Days for Year 7 admission September 2018 for Aston School, Camp Hill School for Boys, Camp Hill School for Girls, Five Ways School and Handsworth School for Girls have now been released.

If you would like to know the Open days please come and see us in the School office at New Hall or ring 0121 415 6004 or visit www.kingedwardthesixth.org

King Edward VI High School for Girls

Open occasions and entry examination for September 2018 are as follows:

Open Occasion:

Saturday 24th June 2017 9.30-12.30pm

Saturday 23rd September 2017 9.30-12.30pm

11+ Examination Dates for entry

September 2018:

Friday 6th October 2017

Closing date for applications:

Monday 25 September 2017.

Lost Property

Please take a look in our Lost Property box which is currently overflowing with coats, uniform and PE kits. Also we have a two pairs of glasses that have been found.

REMINDER: Names in everything please!!

Old £5 note

After 5th May we will no longer be accepting the old £5 note in school.



Breakfast & Break Time price increase

With effect from **Tuesday 6th June** the following items will increase in price. Please find below the items and new price:-

Toast 25p

Milkshake 30p

Hot Chocolate 30p

Cereal 40p

Bread 25p

Fruit Pots 30p

There will be no price increase on:

Raisins 20p

Milk 17p

Juice 25p

Last Call for Active Kids 2017

Don't forget to send in any Sainsbury's vouchers. We would love your Active Kids vouchers. Please donate your vouchers by the end of May. Thank you.

Governors Awards

Friday 7th April 2017

Nursery - Jeremy

Team Carpenter - Penny

Team Degville - Frankie

Team Gilbert - Millie

Team Wood - Robbie

Team Durning - Amira

Team Edwards - Kyra

Team Toomer - Aya

Team Whateley - Tahira

Team Spencer - Isobelle

Team Davis - Malak

Team Steadman - Daniel

Team Roberts - Faith

Team Palmer - Samantha

Team Thomas - Fariah

Get Involved

Calling all parents, would you like to help the school raise funds? We need a group of willing parents who would like to form a new PTA.

You will be aware from the news and a letter from school that there are to be major cuts in school funding.

Your children are our number one priority, are you able to spare a few hours a term? If so we would like to hear from you. Like you, we only want the best for your children. If you are interested please contact Mrs Hanks, Head Teacher.

E-Safety Tip

Remember: Stay safe online, just as you would when crossing the road. Ask yourself: 'Should I really share that?'

Star burst

Thursday 4 May

KS2

Team Toomer - Divinchy
Team Whateley - Aaila
Teeam Spencer - Luiza
Team Davis - Sarah
Team Roberts - Chelsea
Team Steadman - On trip
Team Palmer - Kundai
Team Thomas - Bobby

Thursday 11 May

EYFS & KS1

Nursery - Corey
Team Carpenter - Kingsley
Team Degville - Amelia
Team Gilbert - Stavros
Team Durning - Ruowei
Team Wood - Katarina
Team Edwards - Maddison

TERM DATES 2016/2017

Summer Term 2017

Half term - Monday 29 May 2017 - Friday
2 June 2017

Monday 5th June - Teacher training day

Tuesday 6th June - School open

**Thursday 8th June - School closed for
Polling**

Friday 9th June - School open

Friday 21st July 2017 - Term ends

Monday 24th July - Teacher Training day

Tuesday 25th July - Teacher Training day

Autumn Term 2017

Term starts Tuesday 5 September 2017

Children Centre Timetable

Monday

Stay & Play - 1.30-3pm £2

Tuesday

New Hall Nemo Swimming

Sessions - 9.00 - 10.30am (phone Helen
Cotton to book a place 07792 181483)

Baby Massage - 1.30 - 2.30pm (phone to
book your place)

Wednesday

New Hall Nemo Swimming

Sessions - 10am - 12 (phone Helen
Cotton to book a place 07792 181483)

New Births/New to area
registration (call to make appointment)

Thursday

Baby Drop In Clinic - 9.30-11am

Homestart Stay & Play group (no charge) -
1.30-3pm

Friday

Stay & Play - 1.30-3pm £2

Any queries please call Kylie on 0121 464
5170
Option 2

Please note: Children Centre will be closed
all day for Polling on Thursday 8th June.

Thank you