



SUMMER TERM 2015 NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

Welcome back to our very busy Summer term when all the children will be completing their learning journey in their current school year and we will be celebrating their successes and achievements. Please look at our school website to ensure you have all the calendar dates on your calendar at home!

Staffing changes

As we will have a few staffing changes this term and for September, I felt it important to let you know about them as soon as possible and reassure you that Mrs Parr, the governors and I will be ensuring a smooth transition for your children. The staff changes are as follows –

Mrs Selby's class.

Mrs Selby will begin her maternity leave on the 1st May and you will probably have already noticed Miss Woollam in school. Miss Woollam started with us on Monday 30th March to ensure Mrs Selby hands over smoothly to her and Miss Woollam has all the information she needs. I am sure you have noticed that Miss Woollam is also expecting a baby and we wish her well with this celebratory news; this will mean that she will end her time with us on Friday 24th July. Mrs Selby will return to her new class in the Autumn term, her date is not yet confirmed, until Mrs Selby returns I will teach her class with the support of Mrs Doyle and an additional teaching assistant, Miss Whittaker. You will know Miss Whittaker as Benjamin, Hollie and Lewis Marshall's mum - she has just completed her training with us and it is with great excitement that I am able to employ her in our school. I know you will welcome her as a valuable member to complement our Early Years Team.

Miss Boulton

It is with great sadness that I had to accept Miss Boulton's letter of resignation just before the Easter break but it is with bundles of luck and best wishes that we send her on her way. Miss Boulton is to move to Birmingham, where she has bought her first house with her partner.....a very exciting time, I am sure you will agree! We are currently in the process of employing a lower KS2 teacher to join our fabulous, highly committed team. Once I have further information I will inform you and I have no doubt that you will welcome the successful candidate in to our school community.





Mrs Westron

What exciting news I have to tell you.....just before the Easter break Mrs Westron came to tell me that she is pregnant. Not with one baby but with two.....TWINS! We did enjoy a little giggle at this point as did the staff when I told them but I know that you will support Mrs Westron as we will in school. As having twins is a little bit more unpredictable than one we are not sure of when Mrs Weston will start her maternity leave and because of this the governing body and I have decided that we will employ a new KS1 member of staff for the whole school year 2015/16 to teach her class, ensuring consistency for your children. We are currently in the middle of the recruitment process and as soon as we have any additional information I will send a letter out.

We will also be welcoming Miss Hands as a new member of staff in to our school after the Whit holiday break. You will know Miss Hands as Emilia and Maya Langston's mum. It is with great excitement that we have two parents who have completed their Teaching Assistant qualifications with us and that we have been able to offer them employment in our school.

Standardised Assessment Tests (SAT's)

YEAR 2 & YEAR 6 PUPILS

Standardised tests will take place during the month of May for ALL Year 2 pupils. Key Stage 2 tests for Year 6 must be administered as set out below.

Monday 11th May Reading Comprehension

Tuesday 12th May English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test

Wednesday 13th May Mental Maths, Maths A

Thursday 14th May Maths B

For the whole of last term Year 6 pupils have received small group tuition, booster classes in school and in the weeks now preceding the Year 6 SAT's Mr Green, Mrs Kenyon & Mrs Parr will lead some revision with the Year 6 pupils. Information has been provided to Year 6 parents during parents evening. If you have any further questions please speak to Mrs Parr, Mrs Kenyon or Mr Green, Year



In the Community

Parking

I would like to remind you that we have 'free' access to parking on the Memorial Hall car park and on Lidl car park with kind permission from the manager. As work continues on the new leisure centre, parking is becoming restricted at the Memorial Hall so please use the Lidl car park when you can. Both these car parks are minutes away from our school and are free and decrease the congestion outside school therefore increasing the safety for your children.



Two parents may speak to your child's class teacher or our KS1 lead, Mrs Selby or Miss Graham who will lead KS1 in Mrs Selby's absence.

Positive praise, encouragement and discussions about working to the best of your child's ability are a good environment for your children to succeed. Please ensure that your child goes to bed at a reasonable time to ensure that they get the best rest and thus resulting in coming in to school fresh and ready to start their day.

During the SAT's week, we will be providing, free of charge, the opportunity for your Year 6 child to come to the Breakfast Club. This ensures your child is in school on time, has had a good breakfast and is calm and ready to face their SAT's. A letter will be sent home for you to sign and return to allow your child to come to school for 8.20am.



Sports Day 2015

Hopefully the wonderful British weather will be kind to us in June and July when we hold our annual Sports Day.

Nursery will hold their Sports Day on Tuesday 30th June, KS1 on the morning of Wednesday 1st July and KS2 on the afternoon of Wednesday 1st July. Fingers crossed that we will not need to use our 'reserve' days – Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th July.

May Fair - Saturday 16th May

On Saturday 16th May we will be holding our May Fair. The provisional time is 10.00am - 1.00pm but this will be confirmed in a flyer from the PTA. There will be many exciting stalls where you can purchase goods or play games, and a chance to watch a variety of other activities.

If you are able to help in any way please pop your name into the school office and I will let your PTA know.

Thank you for your continued support.