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# Newsletter

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I am really pleased to be able to send this newsletter to you by email (paper copies will also be available in the school porch). I'm sure you will agree that this is a much more efficient means of communication and it means that you can see our photos in colour and we can also include internet links. We also will save approximately £17 in printing costs every time we issue a newsletter.

If you wish to change the primary email contact address we have for you, please could you drop into school to let us know or send an email to the school enquiry email address: [enquiry@moorhall.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@moorhall.bham.sch.uk).

As we start a new term, the issue of inconsiderate and dangerous parking is already causing concern for the school, residents and parents. I am very encouraged to see that we have a keen group of parents raising their concerns and offering to help to address this serious issue. Also, thank you to those parents and grandparents who have highlighted their concerns by email or letter.

I am therefore asking ALL parents, grandparents, carers, taxi services to make the safety of our children a priority and not park or drive inconsiderately or dangerously. Please look out for our Parents Parking Pledge which I hope will be coming out to you shortly. In the meantime please can I remind you:

- Whilst dropping off on the zig zags might not put your children in danger—it does put other children in danger. I personally do not think this is acceptable. Do not stop on the zig zags, even for the shortest amount of time.
- Parking on double yellow lines is dangerous and illegal.
- Our one way system ensures that traffic flows more freely—please can you use it morning and afternoon school times. Here is a link to the one-way map [xx](#)
- It is unacceptable to park across a neighbour's driveway—even if it is only slightly over! Our neighbours deserve our respect.
- Please do not double park—ask yourself 'could a fire engine or ambulance get through to the school?' and do not put us at risk by blocking the way through for emergency vehicles.
- Do not park on the pavements—driving on to the pavements causes a significant risk. Children assume that they are safe on the pavements and will not be expecting a car to mount the pavement.

**PLEASE MAKE 2017 THE YEAR THAT WE STOP INCONSIDERATE AND DANGEROUS ROAD USE AROUND OUR SCHOOL.**

The Leadership Team will be out and about checking the roads around school when they can but we would much rather be in school with your children!

Kindest Regards  
Andrew Steggall

## Year 5—Young Voices

Year 5 had a fantastic time singing at the Young Voices concert held at the Genting Arena on 25th Jan. There were over 6,500 children in the choir as well as amazing performances from various singers, dancers and beat boxers. A great time was had by all.

More photos are on the Year 5 page of our school website.



## Expansion Update

I hope that you received my letter of 27th Jan with an update on the proposed school expansion.

The expansion was on the agenda for the Sutton Trinity Ward meeting on Thursday 19th January and there is a planning meeting to be held in school on Thursday 2nd Feb, from 5pm—7pm which you will already have been advised of.

## Swimming

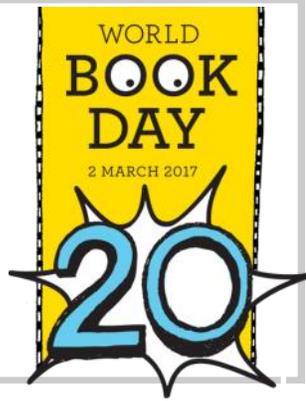
We have 3 local swimming clubs Perry Beeches, Boldmere and S4 Swim and our local community swimming baths at Wyndley. The Government expectation is that all children are able to swim 25 meters unaided by end Y6.

Year 4 have just completed a successful two weeks swimming course at Wyndley. We have some fantastic improvements by doing an intense course and great fun was had by all! Thank you to all the parents who supported us.



## Friday March 3rd—World Book Day

A little way off yet—but a reminder that it is World Book Day on Friday 3rd March when, as always, this is an opportunity for children and staff to dress up as their favourite book character.



## Postage Stamps for Oxfam

We are still collecting used postage stamps for Oxfam. Our collection box is in the school reception.



Thank you to everyone who has supported this appeal.

## Dates for Your Diary

### February

10th—Y2 Trip to National Space Centre

13th—Stone Age Day for Y3

14th—Parents Evening 4:00—6:30pm

16th—Parents Evening 4:30—7:30pm

17th—Break up for Half Term

27th—Return to School

27th Feb—3rd March—Scholastic Book Fair in School

### March

3rd—World Book Day dressing up

6th / 7th—Year 5 Bikeability

20th—24th—Y5 Residential Trip

24th—KS1 Mother's Day Assembly

### April

6th—Easter Hat Parade and last day at school

7th—Inset Day

## Safeguarding Tip from Mr Hall LTE ICT technician

*Ransomware is a type of malicious software designed to block access to a computer system until a sum of money is paid. To reduce the risk, do not open links or attachments that you are unsure about, do not install software you are not sure about and always use anti virus software and security patches to keep up to date and check the files you have been sent.*

## Collection arrangements after school

If you need to let the Class Teacher know of collection arrangements for your child after school, where possible, can you please send a note in to the Teacher in the morning.

## Music Money

Money for music lessons is due for the spring term. The amounts to pay are as follows:

**Violin, Cello, Clarinet and Flute** - £86 for the term

**Keyboard Years 5 and 6** - £66 for the term.

**Guitar Years 4 & 6** - £70 for the term

Please can you send your payment into school as soon as possible. If you are paying by cheque, it would be helpful if money for different instruments is sent as separate cheques. Please check with Mrs Michel in the school office if you are not sure if you have paid for the spring term. Thank you for your co-operation

## Reporting Absence

If your child is going to absent from school due to sickness, please can you phone the school office by 9:15am on the first day of absence so that we can record the reason and inform the class teacher.

## Text Messages

The telephone number used to send text messages to parents is not monitored for incoming messages or voice messages other than where a text response is specifically requested. If you wish to communicate with us, then please phone the school and speak to a member of the office staff.

## ENGINES OFF PLEASE

When you are parked outside of school, thinking about keeping yourself warm, please consider the impact the fumes emitted from your exhaust pipe are having on the small children who walk by.

Please make sure that you are carefully reviewing your child's internet use and speak to your children about internet safety.

We have been made aware of another school where police have identified one of their pupils being in contact with an 'imposter' on an app called 'Musical.ly'. These type of apps allow people to view either uploaded videos or live streaming. Apps cannot be blocked by usual safety software as they are downloaded onto the device.

We have been offered some free football match tickets through Sutton Coldfield Town Football Club. Please see the letter on our web site under Correspondence or follow this link: [Free Football Tickets](#)