



July No 2 Edition

Newsletter

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Head Teacher's Message:



We have had a very busy, successful academic year and I would like to pass on my thanks to the children, staff and parents who have worked so hard and supported us during the year.

It has been great to hear about all the activities that 14 of our Year 6 children have undertaken over the last 12 months to successfully complete their rotary junior community award. The award is open to children when they reach Year 6 and gives them an opportunity to be actively involved in their community. Completion of the award requires dedication and a lot of determination! Many thanks go to Mrs Curwen who organised the opportunity for our children.

The Year 6 performance was a huge success. 'In to the Woods' was a very demanding piece vocally and the children rose to the challenge. In particular, the second night was memorable as the children grew in confidence. Miss Shindler, Mr Watts and the Year 6 team did a wonderful job. Well done everyone!

The rearranged key stage 2 sports day went off according to plan. The children competed with determination and enjoyment. The overall winners were Ennis house. Thanks goes to Mrs Petty for organising this excellent event. We have added some pictures to our blog today.

This week we have received information from the local authority regarding expansion and I have published this on our school website. Planning consultation is now out and I have given instructions through our blog as to how you can contribute to this process. Once the planning consultation is closed, a committee of the council will consider any viewpoints expressed. We will update you further via our school website as and when we receive any additional information.

Our Moorhens chalet has been used to great effect this year. For three mornings a week, Year 6 children have been split into two groups and have been able to benefit from this lovely working area. The children are happy to be given the more space in which to work. One commented that it was nice to have a change of scenery. In addition to this, extra space is being used in the school day for music lessons and other groups too.

We cannot thank Zoe and the PA team enough for all they have done this year. The funds that have been raised have helped us keep our heads above water.

We are delighted that we are able to keep our existing staffing ratios the same until Christmas in spite of the fact that we have been unable to benefit from 2017 expansion. This is largely due to the fact that the PA have been able to raise much needed funds.

We are all very sad that we have had to say goodbye to Miss Taylor this term. Miss Taylor has been providing specialist support to some of our children. During this last year we have also reduced our levels of Teacher Assistant support. These changes have been made due to the financial pressures that the school remains under. We do hope that in 2018 we will be looking at increasing our staff rather than having to make further cuts to provision.

We are delighted that this year we have had some excellent results the end of KS2. We also saw improvement on last year's results in Early Years and KS1. I'm very proud of everything that the children have achieved this year and we look forward to building on the successes in 2018.

I wish you and your families a wonderful summer, and send all the very best to our Year 6 leavers as they start their next exciting journey.

Andrew Steggall

September

4th—INSET DAY

5th—School re-opens for children

12th—Volunteers meeting 9:00am

13th— Non Uniform Day to celebrate Roald Dahl's birthday—dress as a character from one of his books.

14th—Meet and Greet the teacher

28th—LTE Trust Day for KS2—more details to follow

29th—2:30pm MacMillan Coffee afternoon

October

10th—Parents Evening Appointments

12th—Parents Evening Appointments

13th—Y4/Y5/Y6 Author visit

19th—Individual School Photographs

20th—Last day of half term

30th—School reopens

November

1st—Theatre production—more details to follow

24th—Non-uniform day for PA tombola prizes

December

1st—PA Christmas Fayre

14th—KS1 Christmas Performance (pm)

15th—KS1 Christmas Performance (am)

18th—KS2 Christmas Performance (pm)

19th—KS2 Christmas Performance (am)

19th—KS1 Party afternoon

21st—Golden Rules Assembly

21st—KS2 Party afternoon

22nd—Non-uniform day—Christmas jumpers—last day of term

INSET DAYS

Inset day for the 2017/18 academic year are:

Monday 4th September

Monday 8th January

Thursday 29th March

Monday 23rd July

Tuesday 24th July



12th November 2017

Bhujon—Beer, Band and Bubbles

Look out for more information in the new term, but in the meantime

SAVE THE DATE!

On Monday 17th July, Year 5 visited Walmley Golf Club for a mini golf festival.

We had so much fun developing our golf and teamwork skills! We even sat on the green machine and listened to the greenkeeper explain his key role in maintaining the grass.



VOLUNTEERS

Thank you very much to everyone who has expressed an interest in volunteering their time to help in school. I would like to invite anyone who is interested in learning more about volunteering along with all existing volunteers to a meeting in school on:

Tuesday 12th September at 9:00am.

Fairfax Aptitude Assessment

Did you know that you can apply to Fairfax School through their Performing Arts Aptitude Test for one of the 25 available places. Parents of Year 4 and Year 5 children may wish to apply. The deadline for applications is Friday 22nd September and the assessment dates are Wed 27th September and Thurs 28th September 4:00—5:30.

Further details can be found in the flyer which can be found [here](#).

ICT Safeguarding Tip

"Become an expert in your child's online world during the six weeks holiday. Subscribe to the NSPCC icebreaker email series for tips on talking to children about online experiences and tools. <https://nspcc.o2.co.uk>"

Our football team NEEDS YOU.

Are you able to help our football team from September 2017? We are in need of a coach and / or a referee. Can you help? If you would like more information please can you contact the school on enquiry@moorhall.bham.sch.uk—for the attention of Mrs Petty.

For the first time in our history, our football team came first in the Small Schools League this year and we would really like to carry on the success. Thank you.

Mr Steggall's Golden Tea

Well Done to these children who were nominated by the lunchtime supervisors for their lovely behaviour during lunchtimes. Their reward was tea with Mr Steggall.



Keeping Safe

Assemblies over the last three weeks have covered personal safety skills for different locations, such as on the beach, in the garden and road safety. We have used the website www.juniorcitizen.org.uk which gives children the opportunity to "spot the dangers" as well as quizzes and video clips. It's a website well worth exploring with your child.