



Newsletter

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We are nearly at the end of the Spring term, and as always the school year is going by so quickly. As you know, our school is facing some challenging times and I would like to thank our children, staff and parents for their continued enthusiasm, support and hard work. Together we make our school a place to be proud of.

Unfortunately, I must again mention the recurring issue of parking.

There have been some recent examples of **very dangerous parking** outside the school and I must insist that all parents, carers and grandparents of our children and the children at Ducklings Nursery **put the safety of children first**. It is unacceptable to park dangerously or illegally and is not necessary. I will be sending details of any cars spotted parked illegally on to the Community Police.

On a lighter note, we are looking forward to Easter celebrations at school during the last week in school. I am looking forward to seeing KS1's Easter Hats and KS2's decorated eggs.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break.
Andrew Steggall



SCHOOL MEMBER

Our music services supplier has recognised the value Moor Hall School place on music in school by nominating us to become a member of Music Mark. This gives teachers access to additional resources in school to help support our music provision. Our certificate will be on display in the school reception area.

Music Money

Parents who owed money for music lessons were sent individual letters earlier this month. If you haven't already done so, please can you send any music money due for the spring term into the office before we break up for the Easter holiday. If you are unsure if you have paid please check with Mrs Michel in the school office.

Congratulations go to **ENNIS** who came first in the Year 6 inter-house Volleyball competition, and to **ARMSTRONG** who were runners up. Well done to all Year 6 for making it a great competition.



School Uniform Grant Applications 2017 - Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

Application forms for school clothing grants are available in the school office. To be eligible, parents must be:

- a) A current resident of Sutton Coldfield in one of the following 4 wards - Newhall, Vesey, Trinity or Four Oaks and
- b) Be in receipt of one of the following benefits (please note maximum levels may apply) - Income Support, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Job Seekers Allowance, Guarantee element of State Pension Credit, Employment and Support Allowance.

If you wish to fill in a form, please call into the school office to collect one from Mrs Michel. Completed application forms need to be returned to school by Friday 28th April 2017 at the latest. Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust will aim to process applications and deliver vouchers to schools by the first week in July. Successful applicants will receive vouchers to the value of £75 per child up to a maximum of 4 children per family and these can be redeemed at Clive Marks, Wylde Green only.

Dinner Money

We have been advised by the Governors that Dinner Money will be increasing to £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week when we return to school after the Easter Break. This increase is to bring KS2 lunch prices in line with the amounts charged to schools for Universal Infant Free School Meals in KS1.

FUNDING CUTS—I hope that you received the letter in your child/ren's book bags earlier this month regarding the educational funding cuts we are facing. This is a challenging time for us. If you wish to raise any concerns you can contact your local MP or there is an online petition at www.schoolcuts.org.uk

For those interested there is a meeting being held at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall at 7:00pm on the 4th April to discuss the impact of funding on Sutton Coldfield schools.

Safeguarding Tip - from Mr Hall LTE ICT technician

The app 'Musical.ly' has an age restriction of 16 due to some of its content. We know some primary aged children are using the app so we would like to make you aware that the app may contain explicit lyrics, inappropriate videos and a messaging tool for users to make contact with other users. If using the app we suggest making accounts private, and for parents to be fully aware of the settings within the app to keep your children safe. <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/>

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS...

Reading Challenge

We are absolutely delighted with the children's responses to the reading challenge. It's been great to hear about all of the fantastic books being read at home. Thank you for your on-going support and thanks again to the PA for funding the challenge.



Book Fair

A huge thank you to every one who came to the Book Fair. We raised over £400 which resulted in 40% commission to use on resources for the school. Thank you!

KS2 Children—Arrival Time

We are seeing a number of KS2 children arriving at school before staff are available for duty.

Please do not bring children to school before 8.40am.

Thank you

ABERNANT

On the Monday 20th March Year 5 set out on their exciting journey to Abernant for a 5 day residential trip.



Everyone was looking forward to the activities planned which included canoeing, rock climbing, blind trail and lots more.

There was plenty of fun and plenty of mud as well as 4 birthdays celebrated and a talent contest.

Miss Jones, Miss Hurrell and Mrs Clewer kept the children safe and happy and everyone has returned feeling a little more confident and a little more grown up.

What an amazing experience!

Our Cross country team were out again at Bishop Vesey on Monday evening, a great run by all on a difficult course.

Well done, Isobel, Freya, Katie, Mollie, Toby, Ethan, MacAndrew, Jacob, Theo, James, Leonardo and a big thank you to Mrs Barton for doing all the recording.



Information for parents of SEN children.

Mrs Davey (SENDCo) will be available from 1 - 4.30pm on Thurs 6th April and Thurs 11th May for drop in sessions if parents would like to discuss anything.

Please could notify the office in advance and a time

Dates for Your Diary

March

31st—PA Quiz night

April

6th—Easter Hat Parade and last day at school

6th 5—6 KS1 Disco—6:15—7:15 KS2 Disco

7th—Inset Day

24th—Return to School

May

1st—May Day bank holiday

4th—School closed for local elections

8th—12th—Key Stage 2 SATs week

23rd—Class 6 Vista Class Photo

26th—Break up for half term

June

5th—Return to school

13th—Induction evening for new Ladybirds

15th—Community Tea

16th—Father's Day Assembly

20th—Class Photos

29th—9:30am—KS2 Sports Day

July

5th—Year 6 induction day for secondary school

6th—9:15am—KS1 Sports Day

13th—Parents Evening 4:00pm—7:00pm

19th—Year 6 performance—7:00pm

20th—Year 6 performance—7:00pm

25th—9:30 Year 6 leavers assembly

25th—Last day of school year

September

4th—INSET DAY

5th—School re-opens for children

Promoting Happy Parenting— a five week programme for parents/ carers of children aged 0—8.

We have been advised of this support programme being run by Birmingham City Council. More details can be found in the PHP leaflet which can be found on our Website under "News' then Correspondence' - link below:

<http://www.moorhall.bham.sch.uk/correspondence>

Red Nose Day

Thank you for your generous donations last week for Red Nose Day. We raised just over £120 which we will be sending to the charity.