

Welcome to our latest newsletter. In this edition I have a few reminders for you:

- School **will be closed** for voting on Thursday 8th June
- Please ensure children are not on the KS2 playground before 8:40am as there is no adult supervision prior to this time
- Please do not give children crisps or biscuits for their morning or afternoon break. A cereal bar, piece of fruit, cheese etc. is much better. Please NO NUTS
- All long hair must be tied up at all times whilst at school.
- Walk to School Week starts on **Monday 15th May**—wherever possible please walk or part walk to school during this week and ideally continue to do so after the walk to school week finishes. **Everyone benefits!** So please start pounding those pavements and enjoy the chat as you walk.

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/what-we-do/projects/walk-to-school-week>

- I have heard that the next 'big thing' for children across the country are 'fidget spinners'. Whilst I understand these are great fun it is not appropriate to have them in school or on the playground. Can I please therefore ask that these are not brought into school. Just a reminder that trading cards e.g. Match Attacks etc. should also not be brought into school.

Finally, I hope you saw the Birmingham City Council traffic control camera outside school recently. I expect that this won't be a 'one off' so please ensure you put the safety of our children first by driving and parking responsibly. There is no excuse for stopping on zig-zag, double yellow lines or over our neighbours' driveways. It is dangerous to park in a way which would obstruct an emergency vehicle getting through. Please use our voluntary one way system.

Andrew Steggall

Sports Round Up

Well done to our **Footballers**— our fantastic recent results:

0-4 win against Mere Green

6-1 win over St Nicholas

1-1 draw with top of the table St Josephs

9-0 win against Holy Cross

2-1 win against Penns

The last **Cross Country Race** of the season was at Streetly gate Sutton park in truly awful conditions - well done to Toby, Fin, MacAndrew, Ethan, Isaac, Raffery, Harry, Ella, Alice, Isobel, Breanna, Molly. A fabulous effort by everyone.



Thank you to the parents who braved the torrential rain to support us & Mrs Beeton for you help.

Well Done to our Year 6 and Year 5 **Netballers**. Our Year 6 team made it to the semi finals in the recent schools tournament and our Year 5 team, mostly new to netball, had a fantastic first tournament.



In **athletics** our Year 3/Year 4 team AND our Year 2 team took second place in separate competitions. Well done to everyone involved.



St Basils - Please can you help?

We had a wonderful visit by Barrie Hodge from St Basils, a charity working to prevent youth homelessness.

www.stbasils.org.uk/

Mr Hodge spent half an hour in each class where we learnt more about the challenges of homelessness, particularly for young people across the West Midlands.

We would like to find ways in school to support this important charity and we believe it is important for our children to understand and be involved in charity work in our community.

For starters we have put a box in the school porch for donations of new toiletries which we will collect and send to the charity who will distribute them to young people in need.

Please could you consider popping an extra shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap etc. into your shopping trolley. Your support is very much appreciated.

ICT Safeguarding Tip

Play Together... Keep games consoles in communal areas at home and play together. A number of active sports titles are available which can include the whole family. Keeping consoles in communal areas can also help to keep children safe in the online community.

Sainsbury Vouchers—Thank you.

Please can you bring in any Sainsbury Vouchers you have at home as the scheme has finished in the stores and we now have a short period of time to collect them all in.

Governor's Update — In this newsletter we get to hear from one of our Co-Opted governors, Richard Southgate: In September 2007 my son Max started his first day at Moor Hall School. He loved it from day one and the way he spoke about Moor Hall provided me with the motivation to become more closely involved myself. So I volunteered and became a parent governor in 2008, bringing with me my knowledge and experience from a long term career with Lloyds Banking Group to add to the already excellent mix of skills and capabilities of the Governing Body.

Whilst Max has now graduated to Arthur Terry, my daughter Maddie remains in the school in Year 5, so my passion to support Moor Hall remains as strong as ever. As well as being Vice Chair of Governors, I chair the Personnel Committee, which works with the school's Senior Leadership Team on all things staff related, whether that be performance management, new staff recruitment and structures, or colleague wellbeing.

I am also the dedicated governor for Class 4 and I thoroughly enjoy visiting the class. They are a very enthusiastic bunch and ask some excellent, enquiring and incredibly thought provoking questions, some of which are really difficult to answer.

Outside of work and school, both kids, as is likely the case for you, keep me really busy as a taxi driver, but when I can, I play golf (not very well), enjoy dining out with friends and family and love spending time in our tent across the UK, which can be fun given our glorious weather!

SCHOOL COUNCIL BOOKCLUB

Our first book club will take place on **Friday 19th May**.

We would like anyone who is interested to read:

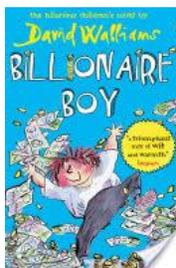
Billionaire Boy by David Walliams.

If any children want come to 3w at lunchtime with their book, we'd love to see them so we can talk about it together. You could go to the school or Mere Green library for a copy of the book.

We would like to have a book club meeting every month. We will choose the next book on the 19th May.

See you there!

The School Council



Dates for Your Diary

May

15th—19th—Walk to School 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

The Grammar Schools in Birmingham

We have received brochures outlining the arrangements for admission to the eight Grammar Schools in Birmingham, which are available from the school office.

The entrance test for admission in September 2018 will be held on :

Saturday 9th September. Parents of children in Year 5 who are considering a Grammar School education for their child will need to register them for the test by 4pm on Friday 30th June 2017. Parents can find more information by

visiting:

www.birminghamgrammarschools.org.

Music Money

A reminder money for music lessons is due for the summer 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



Parents used to make their children cringe by getting out the old photo albums, but once they were back in the cupboard they could be kept private.

Nowadays, social media is taking over and posting pictures, videos and comments online of yourself, or your children, could be out there forever and accessible by anyone.

Always think about what is being posted online and who might see it.

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 summer term.

Thank you for your co-operation.