

## Newsletter No 21

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 15 February 2019



Happy Valentines' Day to you all! As we come to the end of another busy half term, it also the end of an era. Today we say goodbye and thank you to our longest serving member of staff, **Mrs Lesley Oldham**, who is leaving her role as Lunchtime Play Coordinator after just over twenty years. We all thank her for her dedication and care in looking after all our children and many of our mums and dads too! We wish her a very happy retirement - she deserves it!

Thank you to all parents' who attended Stay and Learn Sessions, Year 2 SATs Workshop and Year 1 Phonics Workshop. We hope that you find them useful and informative; the partnership between home and school is so important in supporting children's learning.

The children enjoyed the disco last night; thank you to the PTA for organising another successful event.

### Enterprise Shed

Our Year 6, 'Go for Global' team have been really busy this week, fundraising at break times and lunch times for the charity, Mind. This supports the Global Goal 3: Health and Wellbeing and the theme of the week was 'Love and friendship' in celebration of Valentine's Day. This really supports our school priority of raising awareness of mental health. Well done to all involved for raising a magnificent **£430.00!**

*Finally, I hope you all enjoy the half term break. Please remember that **Monday 25 February** is an **INSET Day** so school reopens on **Tuesday 26 February**.*



**Mass:** Year 3 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 28 February**. Everyone is welcome.



**Letters emailed to parents this week:**

**Whole School:** School Fund, Academy news - staffing update, PTA Bedtime Story  
*Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.*



### Netball

Yesterday the school netball team performed fantastically. In their first league match they defeated St. Joseph's 5-3 in a match of skill and determination from all 7 players. We then lost 7-0 to Mere Green in a close encounter which was 0-0 until the 3rd quarter. We are very proud of the girls and the efforts they put in.



### Tree Care Workshop

A massive thank you to all our amazing volunteers who attended our Tree Care workshop on Tuesday afternoon. It was led by Cath from 'Lets Grow Birmingham' and we learnt how to prune apple and pear trees! It was an excellent opportunity for our children to gain better knowledge about the community orchard we planted a few years back and how they can take care of trees and give back to our local community. This respects all children's right to clean environment (article 24).



### Virtual Reality Experience Day - KS2

We have booked for a company called PrimeVR to come and deliver a virtual reality experience day at our school on **Wednesday 27 February**. We think this is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils in KS2 and will help to bring their learning to life. Thank you to the PTA for paying for this amazing learning experience!



### After-School Tag Rugby: Years 3 and 4

This year, we will be running an after-school tag rugby club for years 3 and 4. The session will run on Monday 4, 11, 18, 25 March and 1 April (5 weeks) from 3.20-4.20pm. A letter has been sent home with children in years 3 and 4; if you require a copy please contact the school office. The deadline to return the proforma is **Wednesday 27 February**. Thank you.



### Swimming Lessons-Year 2

Year 2 will start swimming sessions on **Thursday 28 February**. Girls must wear a full costume and for health and safety reasons, boys must wear trunks (not loose fitted shorts). Please ensure that appropriate swimming kit is sent with your child every Thursday. Please ensure that children do not wear earrings into school on Thursdays, as they are not permitted to wear them in the pool. Thank you for your support.



### Year 5 Forest School

Next half term Year 5 will be taking part in weekly 'forest school' activities every Friday afternoon. In order for your child to take part in forest schools they must be appropriately dressed for all weather conditions. Forest School will take place every Friday, starting **Friday 1 March to Friday 5 April**. A letter has been emailed home to all parents; please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



### Fencing Club Years 5 and 6

Letters have been sent home with children in Year 5 and Year 6. If your child would like to join the Fencing Club please pay via Parent Pay and complete and return the proforma to the school office. The numbers for this activity are strictly limited to 12 participants; please act quickly to avoid disappointment. The deadline for payment and to return the proforma is **Friday 1 March**. Thank you.



### Dance Club Years 3 and 4

Letters have been sent home with children in Year 3 and Year 4. If your child would like to join the Dance Club, please pay via Parent Pay and complete and return the proforma to the school office. The numbers for this activity are strictly limited to 12 participants; please act quickly to avoid disappointment. The deadline for payment and to return the proforma is **Friday 1 March**. Thank you.



### St David's Day

On **Friday 1 March** we celebrate St David's Day by asking the children to wear full school uniform with a daffodil and donating £1 towards our Lenten charities if they wish. Thank you for your support.



### Dinner Money

Parents of KS2 children who have school dinners, the deadline for the payment of **£73.10 is Monday 4 March**; please make payment through ParentPay. If you have credit showing on your ParentPay account please deduct this from the £73.10 and pay the remaining balance. Thank you.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

### World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7 March 2019**. This year we are basing 'Book Week' on books with a 'through the portal theme' e.g. Alice Through the Looking Glass and The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. Children can dress up as their favourite character out of a book with a 'through the portal' theme.



### Bedtime Stories-Thursday 7 March

On the same day, as part of our Book Day celebration, the PTA will be holding the Bedtime Stories event. Children come along in their pyjamas/onesie and slippers with their teddies to enjoy stories, hot chocolate and cookies. The cost of this event is **£3.00**; please pay via your parent pay account. The deadline for payment is **Tuesday 5 March**; Please note late payments will not be accepted. Thank you.



### Year 6 Trip to European Team Squash Championship – Edgbaston Priory

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 6 on a visit to Edgbaston Priory; to attend the European Squash Championship on **Wednesday 1 May**. A letter has been sent home today with children; please complete proforma and return no later than **Monday 4 March**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



### Year 5 visit to Singers Hill Synagogue

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 5 on a visit to Singers Hill Synagogue on **Monday 25 March**. A voluntary donation of £7.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; please pay no later than **Monday 11 March**. A letter has been sent home to all Year 5 parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Mom never forgets... so don't forget mom!



### Mothers' Day Lunches 2019

**Tuesday 19 March (Children with surname A-I), Wednesday 20 March (Children with surname J-R) and Tuesday 26 March 2019 (Children with surname S-Z).**

A letter has been emailed to all parents giving further details. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.

***The deadline for ordering and paying for meals via Parent Pay is Tuesday 5 March; We do not want anyone to miss out but as food needs to be ordered in advance, no late orders can be accepted after this date.***



**Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.**

Government legislation states that a child with an attendance of 90% and below is categorised as a "Persistent Absence Pupil". An attendance figure of 90% equates to missing half a day every week that means four weeks of missed school work across the whole year.

***Parents should also be aware that referrals to the school nurse will be considered for those children with an attendance rate of below 95% due to health related absences.***

**This week the Attendance Award was won by: Year 3 with 99% Well done!**



**The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.**



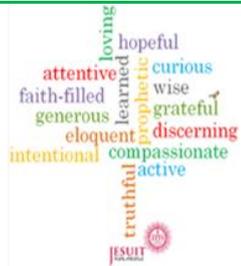
**Recommendations:**

**EYFS:** Jack M, Oliver W **Year 1:** Andrew H, Hughie O'D **Year 2:** Elijah C-G, Molly F **Year 3:** Reuben R, Daniel B **Year 4:** Jack C, Connor McC **Year 5:** Harry M, Emma Mc **Year 6:** Bonnie T-M, Charlotte L

**Mrs Hope:** Oskar C (Y3).

**Lunchtime Award:** Olivia H (Y5).

**Sports Award:** Erin L-F (Y6).



**Virtues and Values**

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Eloquent and Truthful'. As a school community we are looking for opportunities in our own lives where we show the virtues. Please discuss this with your children at home; highlighting times when you experience or show these virtues. This will also be the focus for our 'Angel of the Week' awards for this half term.



**Angel of the Week**

Each week we will be recognising those children who we feel have made that extra special effort and show the virtues in their daily life.

This week's winners are: **Mr Hunt:** Ava M **Mr Rowlands:** Erin H **Miss Stewart:** Kaya G **Miss Stevens:** Maria J **Miss Lovelock:** Angel M **Mr Mayor:** Scarlett T **Miss Cross:** Oliver B **Mrs Hope:** The whole of Year 1.



**Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week and during half term:**

Marco S, Louis McL, (EYFS), Eva P, Flynn B, Eden H, (Y4), Fraser C (Y5).

Dates for Diary - February 2019		
Monday 25 February	All day	School closed for Inset day
Tuesday 26 February	8.50am	Return to school
Wednesday 27 February	All day	KS2 Virtual Reality Experience Day
Thursday 28 February	1.30pm to 3.20pm	Year 2 start swimming lessons
Dates for Diary - March 2019		
Friday 1 March	All day	St David's Day - wear a daffodil (normal school uniform)
Friday 1 March	1.30pm to 3.20pm	Year 5 doing Forest Schools
Monday 4 March	All week	Book Week
Tuesday 5 March	10.00am	Year 3 First Confession
Tuesday 5 March	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
Wednesday 6 March	9.15am	Mass at Church Ash Wednesday
Thursday 7 March	All day	World Book Day
Thursday 7 March	5.45pm to 7.00pm	Bedtime Stories
Monday 11 March	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 12 March	10.00am	Year 3 First Confession
Thursday 14 March	4.20pm-6.20pm	Netball matches (Sutton College) vs Shrubbery and Maney Hill School
Saturday 16 March	4.30pm	Sutton Schools Swimming Gala
Tuesday 19 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surnames A-I)

Wednesday 20 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surnames J-R)
Thursday 21 March	1.30pm to 4.30pm	Chess tournament at The Abbey Catholic Primary School
<b>Saturday 23 March</b>	<b>6.00pm to 9.00pm</b>	<b>Catholic Swimming Gala at Wyndley</b>
Monday 25 March	All day	Year 5 Trip to Singers Hill Synagogue
Tuesday 26 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surnames S-Z)
Thursday 28 March	All day	School closed for children Sutton By Election
<b>Dates for Diary - April 2019</b>		
Wednesday 3 April	3.30pm to 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 4 April	3.30pm to 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
<b>Monday 8 April</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>HSBC in school</b>
<b>Monday 8 April</b>	<b>8.50am</b>	<b>EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade</b>
<b>Monday 8 April</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>KS2 Decorate and egg</b>
<b>Tuesday 9 April</b>	<b>9.15am to 10.00am</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Wednesday 10 April</b>	<b>9.15am to 10.00am</b>	<b>KS2 Passion Play</b>
<b>Friday 12 April</b>	<b>9.15am to 10.00am</b>	<b>Passiontide Service</b>

**\*Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend and half term.

Yours sincerely



Miss T Cotter  
Principal

Do not be afraid to take a chance  
on peace, to teach peace, to live  
peace... Peace will be the last  
word of history.

Blessed John Paul II

