

Newsletter No 38

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 15 July 2016



Sports Day and BBQ

We enjoyed a very successful Sports Day; please see results below.

- 1st Fisher - USA
- 2nd Clitheroe - Great Britain
- 3rd More - China
- 4th Campion - Russia



The majority of you stayed for the family BBQ which was lovely to see. Several families told me how enjoyable the event had been and of course we were so lucky with the weather!

A big 'Thank you' to the PTA for organising this event was raised an amazing £2501.93!

A special thank you to everyone who donated different items for this event.



Year 6 Leavers' Production

On Tuesday night we all enjoyed the Year 6's production of 'Goodbye my Friend'. It was both very funny and very moving. I am sure that in years to come some of these children will be appearing in the West End!



School Reports

School reports have been sent home with children today (please check their bags!) You will be invited to offer written feedback which will be greatly valued by the school; we do take on board your opinions. As the reports are very detailed, there will be no Parents' Evening before the end of term. If you have any specific queries regarding your child's report; please arrange to see your child's class teacher.

An attendance report is also being sent home today. I will be making appointments to see parents whose children's attendance is causing concern.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

All parents: Change to cashless system

Please contact office if you have not received copy

Year 6 SATs

End of KS2 Assessment

As you will be aware, the 2016 Key Stage 2 assessments are the first which assess the new, more challenging national curriculum. With these changes, and, as I am sure you saw in the media, the difficulty of some of the tests, make our results even more amazing. Results are no longer reported in levels but instead as a scaled score. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard and have achieved results of which to be incredibly proud - well done everyone!

Subject area	School % Expected standard	National % Expected standard	School Average Scaled score	National Average Scaled score
Reading	97	66	112	103
Writing	90	74	N/A	N/A
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	97	72	111	104
Maths	100	70	110	103
Combined Reading, Writing & Maths	90	53	N/A	N/A



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Leavers' Mass in school on **Thursday 21 July**. Everyone is welcome.



Ordering School Uniform

Parents are reminded that school uniform should be ordered as early as possible to avoid disappointment. As you can appreciate this will be an extremely busy time for our suppliers Clive Mark and Mapac.



End of Term PTA Disco

Thank you to the PTA for organising last night's disco. All the children really enjoyed themselves.



After School Clubs

Parents are reminded that there will be **no** Zumba, tennis, football and art club next week. Thank you.



Year 2 Visit to Sutton Park

We are planning to take the children in Year 2 on a visit to Sutton Park on **Monday 18 July** to support their Science topic on 'Plants'. A letter has been sent to parents so if you require a copy, please contact the school office. Thank you.



Class Information

- All guided reading books and diaries must be returned to school no later than **Wednesday 20 July**. Please do check around the house for any lost books.
- All library books borrowed must be returned to school by **Wednesday 20 July**.
- Your child will come home with their P.E bag during the last few days for it to stay at home and be washed ready for September.
- Your child will also bring home their books from the year- please send in a sturdy plastic bag by **Wednesday 20 July** for your child to store their books. Some books have been kept back for monitoring reasons. These books will be sent home at the end of the Autumn term.
- There will be no homework set over the Summer holidays.
- Please do speak to your child about their new teacher and classroom.



If you would like more information on what to expect on your child's new year ahead then please go on to the school website to their respective class pages to see the curriculum information. Any questions please do not hesitate to ask.



Alton Castle - Year Five

Reminder to Year 5 parents; the next instalment for Alton Castle is £50.00 the deadline for this payment is **Wednesday 20 July**. Please make payment through Parentpay. Thank you.



Educational Visits - Parents' Meeting

A reminder that there will be a meeting on **Wednesday 20 July at 3:30 - 4:15pm** to discuss Educational Visits and the recent Educational Visits Parent Questionnaire. Please contact the office if you wish to attend.



Toy Day

On Friday 22 July can bring a toy into school. Please do not send your child with an expensive toy as the school will not accept responsibility if this gets broken. Please note that children should not bring in electric toys to school. **The children need to wear full school uniform for this day.**



Early Years Graduation

Our Early Years children will be celebrating their Graduation on **Friday 22 July at 2.00pm**. All welcome to join in this fantastic celebration!

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.

Did you know...? Under new Government legislation, 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.

This week the Attendance Award was won by Year 2 with 99.26%!

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.



The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6.



Recommendations: EYFS: Anaha P, Henry H Year 1: Liam O'T, Frankie J Year 2: Whole class, Eliza S Year 3: Orlaith G, Erin L-F Year 4: Jack R, Kyle W, Luke S Year 5: Annie D, Thomas T Year 6: Whole class.

Lunchtime Award: Marcus P-W.

Class of the Week: Year One.

Sports Award: Eloise H.



Virtues and Values

As you know the Archdiocese of Birmingham has introduced a focus on Gospel Virtues and Values. This half term we are concentrating on being '**Learned**' and '**Wise**'. 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: **Miss Lovelock/Miss Crowley:** Alice F **Miss Stevens:** Myles O'D **Mr Hunt:** Michael B (Y6), Orlaith F **Mr Mayor:** Eloise H (Y2), Erin P, Maria L **Mr Howell:** Whole of Year 4 **Mr Rowlands:** Whole of Year 5 **Miss Cross:** Whole of Year 6, Year 2 readers in Mass.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Cormac K, Christopher K, Oskar C (EYFS), Ella W, Jake M-B (Y2), Rosena J (Y4).

Dates for your diary - July 2016		
Monday 18 July	All day	Year 2 Trip to Sutton Park
Monday 18 July		HSBC in School
Tuesday 19 July	All day	Year 6 Trip to Safari Park
Thursday 21 July	9.15am	Year 6 Leavers' Mass
Friday 22 July	2.00pm	Early Years Graduation parents welcome
Friday 22 July	3.20pm	Break up for Summer!
Dates for your diary - September 2016		
Monday 5 September	All day	Inset Day
Tuesday 6 September	8.50am	Return to school
Wednesday 14 September	3.20pm - 4.20pm	Rotary Meeting for Year 6
Thursday 16 September	1.30pm	Year 3 first swimming session

**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

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Miss T Cotter
Principal

as long as we have memories,
yesterday remains
as long as we have hope,
tomorrow awaits
as long as we have love,
today is beautiful.

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