



Newsletter No 37

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 7 July 2017



Sports Day and BBQ

A very busy day planned today with sports day followed by our family BBQ. I hope many of you will be able to attend and enjoy the afternoon. A BIG thank you again to the PTA for organising the family BBQ!

Handover Day

All our children enjoyed their Handover Day on Wednesday and the opportunity to meet and work with their new class teachers. Year Six also enjoyed visiting their new Secondary schools. Where does the time go?!

Children Centres Consultation

Please see message from Sue Bailey, Children's Centre Lead for Sutton Coldfield.

You may or not be aware that on the 9th of June Birmingham City Council announced that the contract for the new Early Years Health and Well Being Service had been awarded to Birmingham Community Health Care NHS Trust Foundation in partnership with Barbados, Spurgeons Children's Charity, St Pauls Community Development Trust and The Springfield Project.

The way that we deliver children centres, health visiting services and parenting support services in Birmingham is changing.

In relation to Sutton Coldfield the proposal is that the following venues will be closed or re utilised.

The Deanery Children's Centre

Four Oaks Children's Centre - including the services offered at The Hub in Mere Green and the Toy Library
Bush Babies Children's Centre.

New Hall Children's Centre would be open all year round and Holland House Children's Centre would offer sessional activities. There would also be a range of other venues across Sutton where activities could be delivered. It is important to note the impact on baby clinics, antenatal classes and post natal. Some areas of Sutton would have limited access to services.

June 19th 2017 saw the start of an important public consultation giving members of the public and in particular service users, with an under 5, the opportunity to have a say on these proposals to include delivery locations, which should stay open and which should close, and opening times.

This consultation document can be found at

[https:// www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1eyconsultation](https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1eyconsultation)

Paper copies are also available at all our centres and activities.

There will also be a number of open forum events. These sessions are open to all and we would particularly welcome those families with an under five who use our services. These services provide an opportunity for members of the public to hear about the proposals and to ask questions

Date	Time	District	Location
10 July	10:30 am -12:30pm	Erdington	Erdington Library
18 th July	10:30 am -12:30 pm	Perry Barr	Alexander Stadium
1 st August	10:30 am- 12:30 pm	Sutton Coldfield	Mere Green Community Centre

We are very disappointed that the open forum for Sutton Coldfield is during the school summer holidays. We know, as our parents have told us that this will impact upon attendance. We have asked for an alternative date but do not have this at the moment.

However we are holding our own event on Monday July 17th at 10 am at Mere Green Community Centre. We do hope as many of our local parents and council representatives will be able to join us.

We would encourage you to read the proposals, think about what services you want in Sutton, and where, and then complete the consultation. We feel that the proposals show quite clearly a lack of understanding of our community needs. We fully appreciate the need to have services located in our areas of most need but we are concerned about access due to limited public transport arrangements to some centres and an uneven distribution of services across Sutton. The proposals would see some long established and very successful services close and venues that have become very popular in terms of delivering health services no longer in use. We are also aware of some considerable budget cuts.

Following the end of the consultation period on August 19th, your view will be considered and taken into account. Using your views a recommendation will be made to the BCC Cabinet in September on how services will be delivered.

In the meantime we will continue to deliver our services across Sutton Coldfield. However we would ask for your support to ensure that these services are not reduced and continue to meet the needs of families across our locality with an under 5. We look forward to seeing you on the 17th. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us either directly via email to sbailey@arthurtery.bham.sch.uk or via our Facebook page Sutton Locality Children's Centres.



Mass: Year 2 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 13 July**. All welcome!



Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 2: Transition to Year 3

Year 2: Information for Weston-Super-Mare trip

Years 5 and 6: Family Life Skills

Please contact office if you have not received copy



Lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator 6.40 hours per week, Monday - Friday 12.00pm to 1.20pm. We are looking for someone who will take an active part in supporting/improving lunchtime for our children. The post would commence from September. For further information please contact the school office 675-2158.



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.



Alton Castle - Year Five

Reminder to Year 5 parents; the next instalment for Alton Castle is £50.00 the deadline for this payment is Today **Friday 7 July**. Please make payment through Parentpay. Thank you.



Holy Cross Pre-School

Holy Cross Pre-School will be having their Open Day tomorrow, **Saturday 8 July**, from 10.00am to 2.00pm. There will be lots of games and activities and a bouncy castle. All welcome; please come along!



Year 2 Trip to Weston-Super-Mare

On **Monday 10 July** Year 2 *children are required to arrive at school at 8.00am*. They will leave Weston-Super-Mare at 2.45 p.m. and are expected to be back at school 5.30p.m approximately. A letter was emailed home on Wednesday 5 July; please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 10 July**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



Photographs

Class photos and graduation photos were sent home with children this week. If you would like to place an order please return to the school office no later than **Monday 10 July**. Thank you.



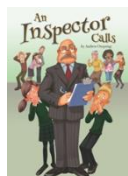
Bishop Walsh Information Evening

Parents of pupils in Year 5 are invited to an 'Information Evening' at Bishop Walsh on **Monday 10 July**. Start time is 7.00pm (refreshments from 6.30pm). A flyer has been sent home with all Year 5 children. Thank you.



Year 3 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa

On **Tuesday 11 July** Year 3 *children are required to arrive at school at 7.45am*. They will leave Chedworth Roman Villa at 2.00 pm and are expected to return to school at approximately 4.00pm Thank you.



Year 6 Leavers' Production

Our Year 6 Leavers' Production 'An Inspector Calls' will be on **Thursday 13 July** at 6.00pm. The children are rehearsing really hard for this and it looks fantastic! All welcome!



School Reports

Next **Friday (14 July)** school reports will be distributed. 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.

ZUMBA

Zumba Club - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 (September 2017)

Letters were sent home with children today. If your child would like to join the Zumba Club please complete and return forms no later than **Monday 17 July**. Please note that there are limited places so it is a first come first served basis. Please note **NO late orders** after this date will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



'Get Your Grown Ups Growing' - THE BIG TIDY UP!

On **Tuesday 18 July** we will be holding another 'Get Your Grown Ups Growing' event at 2.00pm until 3.00pm and you are more than welcome to join! This is in response to children's requests to tidy up our local environment and we respect children's right to be heard. Children are asked to bring in a £1.00 donation to wear their own clothes, preferably old clothes that they won't mind getting messy and dirty, and suitable footwear. Please contact the office if you are available to help take any rubbish bags to the tip! We look forward to seeing you!



End of Term PTA Disco - Children to come to school in full school uniform.

Please send all children to school in full summer uniform; sending in their own disco clothes in a carrier bag. The children will get changed into their own clothes and bring their school uniform home with them. Thank you.

This will be held on **Thursday 20 July** from 3.20pm to 4.30pm. If you are available to help please contact the school office. Thank you for your support. **£2.00 entrance fee to the disco per child (in a clearly marked envelope with child's name and 'Disco.'** Children can also bring a maximum of **£3.00 spending money - in a separate purse please.**



On **Thursday 20 July** we will be holding Year 6 Leaver's Mass and our Mission Award Assembly. *Please send all children to school in full summer uniform; sending in their own disco clothes in a carrier bag. The children will get changed into their own clothes and bring their school uniform home with them. Thank you.*



Early Years Graduation

Our Early Years children will be celebrating their Graduation on **Friday 21 July at 2.00pm**. Parents are invited to join in this fantastic celebration!



Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.

Did you know...? **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 5 with 99.26% Well done!

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

Recommendations

Recommendations: **EYFS:** Tabitha S, Sophia H, Jack W **Year 1:** Daniel W, Tommy M **Year 2:** Heloise C, Maggie R **Year 3:** Ryan K, Erin P **Year 4:** Harrison S, Samuel S, Imogen A **Year 5:** Charlie S, Matthew N-C Pablo B, Jack H **Year 6:** Clark T.



Lunchtime Award: Erin P (Y4).

Class of the Week: Year 4.

Sports Award: Niamh S (Y5).



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 **'Faith-Filled and Hopeful'**. 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 Stewart:** Connor T **Miss Stevens:** Ella B **Mr Hunt:** Lucy L

Mr Mayor: Orlaith F **Miss Lovelock and Mrs Howes:** Enya B **Mr Rowlands:** Eva P **Miss Cross:** Jake Woo, Ben B.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:

Charlie G (Y1), Olivia H (Y3), Alan J (Y5), Jessica P (Y6).

Dates for your diary - July 2017

Monday 10 July	12.00pm	HSBC in school
Monday 10 July	All Day	Year 2 Trip to Weston-Super-Mare
Monday 10 July	7.00pm	Year 5 Information Evening at Bishop Walsh
Tuesday 11 July	All Day	Year 3 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
Tuesday 11 July	6.30pm	Rotary Awards Evening
Thursday 13 July	6.00pm-7.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Production 'An Inspector Calls'
Friday 14 July		Year 6 Leavers' Party at Hollyfields Club - Erdington
Tuesday 18 July	All Day	Y6 Trip to Safari Park
Tuesday 18 July	2.00pm-3.00pm	Get Your Grown Ups Growing - All Welcome!
Thursday 20 July	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Disco-Wear school uniform and bring disco clothes in a bag.
Friday 21 July	2.00pm-3.20pm	EYFS Graduation in hall - all welcome
Friday 21 July	3.20pm	Break up for summer!

Dates for your diary - September 2017

Tuesday 5 September	8.50am	Return to school-wearing summer uniform
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****Other dates available on website***

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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