

Wednesday 19th December 2018

Happy Christmas!



Thank you for your continued support this year. Our school performances were a real success. We are so proud of our talented children. It has been an extremely busy term and we hope you enjoy spending time with your families and friends over the festive season. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope that the New Year brings you happiness and success.



PFA Christmas Fair

Many thanks, to all the parents who kindly donated a prize for the Christmas Fair. We really appreciated your generous donations and these helped this event raise a MASSIVE **£3,167.54!** Thanks to all the PFA members for giving up their time to organise this event which ran so smoothly. This shows great team work and I know the children will benefit directly when this money is spent next year on even more memorable experiences.

A big thank you to the PFA for providing the children with Christmas crackers to go with their Christmas lunch!

Year 3 Theatre Trip

In Year 3, we have had a lovely few weeks studying Pinocchio. In class, the children have been acting out scenes and completing written work inspired by the story. As part of our writing topic, we were lucky enough to go to the Old Rep Theatre to see the production live. The children had an amazing time and really enjoyed the performance.



Year 6 Football

On Thursday 22nd November, a team of Year 6 girls took part in the Girls' Football tournament at Sutton Coldfield College where they competed against other Sutton schools. The team performed brilliantly and showed true sportsmanship throughout the entire tournament. Although they faced some challenging games, they worked hard as a team and finished 2nd, qualifying for the next stage in the competition. The second tournament was of a much higher standard but the girls rose to the challenge and came 3rd place overall.

Year 3 Christmas Play

We are sure you will agree that the Year 3 production of 'Baubles' really was 'tree-mendous'! There was so much energy in the singing and acting – the talent and enthusiasm in the year group is incredible! Thank you for all your hard work with helping the children to learn their lines and for providing Christmas jumpers and lovely costumes. Merry Christmas!

Year 4 Christmas Play

On Wednesday 12th December, Year 4 performed a fabulous Christmas production for their parents, family and friends. The Magical Jigsaw reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas, as we recalled the events leading up to Jesus's birth. There were lots of fabulous songs, which the children sang with real energy and with smiles on their faces. Not only did they look magnificent in their costumes, but the children delivered their lines well too. Well done, year 4 – you are all stars!





Year 5 Carol Service at St. John's Church

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our carol service on Wednesday 19th December. The children have been practising hard to ensure they have learned their lines and the songs. The carol service is always a lovely end to the Autumn Term and leaves everyone feeling festive.

Eco-Council

The Eco-Council had a super time baking Christmas themed ginger biscuits for the Christmas Fair and raised an amazing £57 for the Fairtrade Foundation charity. Thank you to everybody who purchased from our stall and supported the Fairtrade farmers around the world. Look out for our update in next month's newsletter where we will announce the results of our 'Screen Time Challenge' that the children took part in during Energy Week.

Lunch Menus

When we return to school on Tuesday 8th January it will be week 1 menu.

Online Safety/Safeguarding top tip

Always make sure the URL on a website starts with https before you buy anything or transfer personal details. The "s" means it's secure. If it's not, hackers could steal or track your details.

Dinner Money

Dinner money is £11.75 per week (i.e. £2.35 per meal). If you prefer to pay for the half-term in advance, it will be £68.15 for Tuesday 8th January 2019 to Friday 15th February. Please ensure that payments are made promptly using our online system www.scopay.com/login Outstanding dinner money invoices will be sent by email and we wish to remind you that dinner money should always be paid in advance, not arrears. We hope that your child will have school dinners, but please remember to give the school office one week's notice in writing of any changes to your child's lunch arrangements.

P.E. Kits

Mrs Cornwall has asked that you ensure your child has a suitable P.E. kit in school. This should be shorts and t-shirts, joggers, jumper, trainers and indoor pumps. Please ensure everything is named! Thank you.

Parking

We have recently had a number of complaints from local residents regarding dangerous parking from the parents of Walmley Infant and Walmley Junior School. Cars are parking on the kerb therefore making it difficult for people to walk past; this can be extremely dangerous as people with pushchairs are unable to get past and are having to walk in the road or walk on people's gardens! Therefore, we are again asking you to be considerate to our community by parking sensibly even if this means parking further away from school and walking a little further. Residents who have contacted the police have been told to take photos of cars with their registration number and forward them on to them.

Health and Safety – Children on the playground before 8.45 am

Please be aware when dropping off your children in the morning that there are no members of staff on duty in the playground until 8.45 a.m., therefore your children are not supervised until this time. We do however provide a before-school club for parents who need to drop their children off earlier than that. Any bookings should be made in advance via Mrs Hinks, our Earlybirds Club Manager, on 0121 351 6831 or 07967 150336.

Unless your children are registered for Earlybirds, they SHOULD NOT be on school premises before 8.45 a.m. as they are not supervised by the adults in school.

Dates for the Diary

Spring Term 2019

7th January	Teacher Training Day
8th January	School Open
14th January	Year 5 France meeting for parents and children - 6.00pm
21st January	Year 4 Ullswater meeting for parents and children - 6.00pm
7th February	PFA Disco 5.30 – 7.00pm
13th & 14th February	Parents' Evenings (2 of 3)
15th February	Break up for Half Term
25th February	School Open
29th March	Year 4 Mothers' Day Service at St John's Church
12th April	Break up for Easter

Summer Term 2019

29th April	School Open
6th May	May Day Bank Holiday
13th - 16th May	Year 6 SATs
20th May	Y3.1 at Woodlands Camp, Aldridge
21st May	School Photographer – classes/groups
22nd May	Y3.2 at Woodlands Camp, Aldridge
23rd May	Year 5 Roman Museum 4 – 5.30pm
24th May	Y3.3 at Woodlands Camp, Aldridge
24th May	Break up for Half Term
3rd June	Teacher Training Day
4th June	School Open
14th June	Year 3 Fathers' Day Service
20th June	PFA Disco 5.30 – 7.00pm
8th July	Sports Day
16th July	Parents' Evening (3 of 3)
18th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
19th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
19th July	Break up for Summer Holidays
22nd July	Teacher Training Day