

28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Contract Tracing over half term

Schools continue to play an important role in contact tracing for pupils and staff. If your child develops symptoms within 2 days of being in school, and subsequently tests positive with Covid-19, please contact a member of staff by texting **07767 046636**.

### Holiday Club Y3-6

There are still places available for our Holiday Club that is running at the beginning of the summer holidays. If you would like a place, you will need to logon to Scopay make payment and book the sessions. You will then need to complete the form (a copy can be found on our school website) and return to the school office no later than 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

### Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes

Places are now available for our Whitemoor Lakes residential trip which is taking place in October 2021 (children currently in year 3). The price of this exciting trip will be approximately £145.00, which includes everything (accommodation, food, equipment, coach hire, insurance etc.). If your child would like to take part, **please pay an initial deposit of £60.00** using our online payment system Scopay **by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June**. This is a great opportunity for children to take on challenges, such as a climbing wall, zip line and archery whilst getting their first taste of a residential trip. We hope your child can join us!

### Year 5 Outward Bound, Ullswater

The Outward Bound trip to Ullswater was launched to Year 4 last week and all 72 places were taken up within 3 days, which is unprecedented. Thank you for your support and we will be in touch with further details in the coming months. The next payment dates for the trip are as follows: 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment £100 by 1<sup>st</sup> August, final instalment £110 by 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### Morning drop off & Parking

It is evident that some parents/carers are still not using the pedestrian crossing and warden, and children are sometimes sent across the busy road by themselves. It is really not worth the risk and we have seen nasty accidents in the past. We would urge you to help us teach children to always search for, and use, the safest place to cross so that they make the right choices for themselves in the future.

If you can walk to school, we ask that you support us by doing so. If you need to come by car, please park further away and walk a little more, as this will help ensure children's safety. This will also help ensure local residents can access their own driveways and pedestrians can use pavements safely.

### End of School Day

Please can we ask parents to remember to social distance whilst waiting at the school gate and restrict drop off to **one** adult only. A reminder to all parents at the end of the school day, year groups will be dismissed at the following times from their assigned exits:

- Year 3 will be dismissed at **3.15pm**
- Year 4 will be dismissed at **3.20pm**
- Year 5 will be dismissed at **3.25pm**
- Year 6 will be dismissed at **3.30pm**

Please try to arrive as close to the assigned time as possible to prevent too many people gathering at the school gate and leave the area as soon as you have collected your child.

## Parent contact details

We continue to communicate by texts and emails. Could we remind parents that it is your responsibility to inform the school office when your contact details change. School should have a minimum of three contact phone numbers to ensure we can get hold of someone at home in an emergency. If you change address, we need to see a copy of your most up to date council tax bill as proof in order for us to make the change.

## COVID

We would like to assure you that we are continuing with our enhanced hygiene procedures in school to help avoid any further closures. The children have been brilliant in working with us and have been very understanding of the restrictions that affect them. Thank you!

The government have updated their guidance about COVID testing (plus other useful advice) and a link is given below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

## Entry to Year 7 in September 2022

Year 5 Parents can now register their child for the optional entrance test by applying online before 4pm on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The test will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

To register, parents need to visit [www.birminghamgrammarschools.org](http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org)

## Year 6 Leavers' Information

The Year 6 leavers' disco will be held at school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 5.30-7.00pm. Please ensure your leavers' hoodie orders are returned to school, and online payments made, by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Orders after this date will not be placed.

## Dinner Money

Dinner money is £12.50 per week (i.e. £2.50 per meal). If you prefer to pay for the half-term in advance, it will be **£77.50** for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Please ensure that payments are made promptly using our online system. Outstanding dinner money invoices are 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.

## Dinner Money Year 6

As the children in Year 6 will be leaving at the end of the academic year, please check the balance on your child's account and ensure payment is kept up to date and your child does not leave owing money.

## Hotdog Lunch

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

We would like to give the children who normally have sandwiches the opportunity to have a lunch on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. If you would like your child to have a lunch the cost is £2.50. **Payment for Hot dog lunches can now be made using Scopay on-line payment system.** Hot dog lunch can be found in 'Products' then 'Hot dog Lunch'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance, this will ensure your child receives a lunch on that day. Payment should be made no later than **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June**.

## Cake Sale

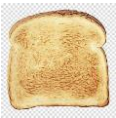
The kitchen will be selling homemade chocolate sponge cake on a Friday morning break priced at 50p. This will start on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Payment should be paid in advance using Scopay on-line payment. Cake can be found in 'Products' then 'Cake Friday'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance for the half-term, this will ensure your child receives cake on a Friday. For the half-term it will be **£3.00**. Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.



**Once the deadline date has passed there will be no opportunity to order. So please do not contact the school office to ask.**

## Toast Sale

The kitchen will be selling toast at break time priced at 40p per slice (2 halves) - max 1 slice per child.



**Monday - Year 3**

**Tuesday - Year 4**

**Wednesday - Year 5**

**Thursday - Year 6**

Toast sales will start week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June. Payment should be paid in advance using Scopay on-line payment. Toast can be found under 'Products' then 'toast'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance for the half-term, this will ensure your child receives toast on their nominated day. For the half-term it will be **£2.80**. Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

*Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June Year 3 will have toast on Tuesday as Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June is a teacher training day.*

*Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> July Year 3 and 4 will have toast on the Monday and Year 5 & 6 will have toast on the Tuesday.*

**Once the deadline date has passed there will be no opportunity to order. So please do not contact the school office to ask.**

## Lunch Menus

When we return to school after half term we will be on **Week 1**. Menus are available to view on the school website.

## Payments to school

Can we please remind parents that we are a cashless school, and all payments should be made using our online payments system <https://www.scopay.com/walmley-jun> We do not hold any cash in school and therefore cannot refund any payments made in cash that subsequently need to be returned. **Please note that any cash payments made, that need to be returned will sit on your child's account for you to use for a future trip/event.**

## Water Bottles

Please provide your child with a named water bottle. The children always have access to water and they will need their bottle in school every day to keep them sufficiently hydrated. Please do not send them in with squash.

## Communicating with School

Please do not come on to the school site without a prior appointment. These can be made by calling or emailing the school. Can we please ask parent/carers who have to come on to the school site that you wear a **face mask**.

## Earlybirds Bookings

If you need to make an emergency booking, it must be made before 12 o'clock on that day. In addition, if you cancel an Earlybirds session after 12 o'clock, you will have to collect your child from Earlybirds as they may have already been taken there by a member of the Earlybirds team.

## PE Kits

Children should continue to come into school in their PE kit on their designated PE day after half term.

- Monday Year 4
- Tuesday Year 3
- Wednesday Year 6
- Friday Year 5

## School Uniform

There has unfortunately been a noticeable decline in the standard of uniform that pupils are wearing at the moment. This is particularly the case for footwear, with some children wearing trainers rather than shoes. We understand that manufacturers are selling styles that are a hybrid between the two, but we would ask you to ensure that your child's footwear is leather/leather look, smart and plain black, please. Fabric shoes or coloured logos/soles are not acceptable. Some girls are also wearing boots, which should only be used in bad weather and school shoes should be worn once in school. Earrings should also be small studs only, with no hoops or dangly ones that are a safety hazard.

Please ensure that your child does not come to school without a school tie or a waterproof coat. All items should also be named! Once again, we have a lost property cupboard that is full of unnamed items of clothing and belongings. Thanks very much for your support with this.

## Omegle Information Sheet

Attached is an information sheet on Omegle, for online safety.

## Dates for the Diary

### **Summer Term 2021**

7 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Training Day
8 <sup>th</sup> June	School Open
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Class Photos
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for Summer Holidays
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Teacher Training Day

### **Autumn Term 2021**

2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Teacher Training Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Teacher Training Day
6 <sup>th</sup> September	School Open
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual Photos
6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Trip to Whitemoor Lakes
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Break up for Half Term
1 <sup>st</sup> November	School Open
1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Trip to Outward Bound, Ullswater
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Woodlands Trip
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Woodlands Trip
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Woodlands Trip
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Teacher Training Day

## Spring Term 2022

4 <sup>th</sup> January	Teacher Training Day
5 <sup>th</sup> January	School Open
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for Half Term
28 <sup>th</sup> February	School Open
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter

## Summer Term 2022

25 <sup>th</sup> April	School Open
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Half Term
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Training
7 <sup>th</sup> June	School Open
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Break up for Summer Holidays