

18th February 2022

Year 3 Theatre Trip

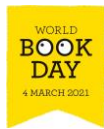
2022 got off to an exciting start in Year 3, with a visit to Birmingham Town Hall on Friday 7th January to see Julia Donaldson's *Stickman*. It was a really imaginative production which enthralled the children. They were totally involved, laughing and cheering Stickman on through his adventures and gasping with delight when the lights took them under the sea. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying live theatre after all the restrictions we have faced during the pandemic. Well done Year 3 for being such super ambassadors for our school and making the most of this experience.



Arts Week

This year's theme for Arts Week was about '**celebrating difference**' and looking at **diversity and culture**. In Arts Week, children were inspired by people (within the arts) who are differently abled, whether through physical disability, learning difficulties and disability through illness. We learnt about inspirational artists who have persevered and never given up on their dreams and ambitions, despite the challenges they may have faced. All children in school had the exciting opportunity to try African Drumming and tried delicious foods (from around the world) for our special lunch day!

World Book Day Week 28th February – 4th March



When we return to school after half term, we will be celebrating World Book Week. Throughout the week, there will be lots of activities that your child will be able to take part in. **World Book Day** will take place on **Thursday 3rd March**. Children can come into school dressed up as their favourite book character and we look forward to seeing the children's costumes!

Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust Application for School Clothing Grant 2022

Every year, the Trust offers school clothing grants, in the form of vouchers, to low-income families who live in the former Borough of Sutton Coldfield and are in receipt of certain benefits.

To be eligible to apply you must be: A current resident of one of the Sutton Constituency Electoral Wards, ie Sutton Four Oaks, Sutton Mere Green, Sutton Reddicap, Sutton Roughley, Sutton Trinity, Sutton Vesey, Sutton Walmley and Minworth, Sutton Wylde Green **and** in receipt of one or more of the benefits listed.

- Income Support
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit (note: maximum income levels may apply)
- Job Seeker's Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit

For further information and an application form, please contact the school office.

Clubs Spring 2

A reminder Clubs will start the first week back after February half term and run for 6 weeks.

Start of School Day

Children can arrive anytime between **8.40am – 9.00am**. Arrivals after this time will be marked as late on the register.

End of School Day

Years 3 & 4 – 3.25pm

Years 5 & 6 – 3.30pm

Absence

If your child is absent due to illness, please remember that you need to contact the school office **before 9.30 am** on the first day of absence so that we can ensure our records are up to date. We would then ask that you send a letter to your child's class teacher on their return to school. If your child has a medical appointment, please ensure that the school office is made aware in advance. We would ask you to arrange medical appointments outside the school day wherever possible.

Parking

Please can we ask all parents who park in the roads surrounding school that they do so safely and considerately. Cars should not park across driveways or mount pavements where children are walking. We will be working with the Sutton Coldfield PCSO team to ensure our children and their families are kept safe during the busy morning and after school periods.

School Enquiry Email – Urgent Messages

Can we please ask parents with urgent messages for teachers, that need to be passed on the same day, to ring the school office on 0121 351 1346. The enquiry email address is not set up to deal with urgent messages and we cannot guarantee your message will get to the teacher.

Hotdog Lunch - Wednesday 23rd March

We would like to give the children who normally have sandwiches the opportunity to have a lunch on Wednesday 23rd March. 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 11th March.**

If your child normally has a lunch on a Wednesday, you do not need to pay

Please see dates below for the rest of the year:

27th April

25th May

22nd June

Cake Sale

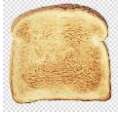
The kitchen will be selling homemade chocolate sponge cake on a Friday morning break priced at 60p. This will start on Friday 4th March. Payment should be paid in advance using Scopay online payment. Cake can be found in 'Products' then 'Cake Friday'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance for the half-term only, this will ensure your child receives cake on a Friday. For the half-term it will be **£3.60**. Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 27th February 2022.**

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

The sale of toast will start the first week back. Payment should be paid in advance using Scopay online payment. Toast can be found under 'Products' then 'toast'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance for the half-term only, this will ensure your child receives toast on their nominated day. For the half-term it will be **£2.40**. Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 27th February 2022**. **Once the deadline date has passed there will be no opportunity to order, so please do not contact the school office to ask.**

Toast will be given to Year 4 on Wednesday 6th April as they are on their trip to Coventry Tuesday 5th April.

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.

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 **£75.00** for Monday 28th February to Friday 8th April 2022. Please ensure that payments are made promptly using our online system. Outstanding dinner money invoices are sent by email and we must 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.

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. We do have water bottles in the school office which can be purchased for 50p.

Earlybirds Bookings

A reminder 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 at the end of the day by a member of the Earlybirds team.

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.**

School Website

Please remember to look at our school website www.walmley-jun.bham.sch.uk regularly, as it gives lots of helpful information, including all letters that we send out. It also has an overview of the curriculum being studied each term, as well as detailed Knowledge Organisers to support your child with their learning in Science, History and Geography.

Dates for the Diary

Spring Term 2022

28 th February	School Open
28 th Feb – 4 th March	World Book Week
3 rd March	World Book Day – Dress Up
25 th March	Year 4 Mothers' Day Service – St John's Church
5 th April	Coventry trip – Year 4
8 th April	Break up for Easter

Summer Term 2022

25 th April	School Open
29 th April	Young Voices – Resorts World Arena
2 nd May	Early May Bank Holiday
27 th May	Break up for Half Term
2 nd June	Spring Bank Holiday
3 rd June	Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
6 th June	Teacher Training
7 th June	School Open
17 th June	Year 4 Fathers' Day event
20-24 th June	France residential trip – Year 6
21 st July	Break up for Summer Holidays

Autumn Term 2022

5 th September	Teacher Training
6 th September	School Open
21 st October	Break up for Half Term
31 st October	School Open
2-4 th November	Whitemoor Lakes trip – Year 4
7-11 th November	Outward Bound trip to Ullswater – Year 5
16 th December	Break up for Christmas

Spring Term 2023

3 rd January	Teacher Training
4 th January	School Open
17 th February	Break up for Half Term
27 th February	School Open
31 st March	Break up for Easter

Summer Term 2023

17 th April	School Open
1 st May	Bank Holiday
26 th May	Break up for Half Term
5 th June	Teacher Training Day
6 th June	School Open
19 th -23 rd June	France residential trip – Year 6
21 st July	Break up for Summer Holidays
24 th July	Teacher Training Day
25 th July	Teacher Training Day

Autumn Term 2023

4 th September	Teacher Training Day
5 th September	School Open
27 th October	Break up for Half Term
6 th November	School Open
21 st December	Break up for Christmas
22 nd December	Teacher Training Day

Spring Term 2024

8 th January	School Open
9 th February	Break up
19 th February	School Open
21 st March	Break up for Easter
22 nd March	Teacher Training

Summer Term 2024

8 th April	School Open
24 th May	Break up for Half Term
3 rd June	Teacher Training Day
4 th June	School Open
19 th July	Break up for Summer
22 nd July	Teacher Training Day