

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Year 4 Mother's Day Service

Year 4 celebrated Mother's Day by walking up to St John's Church and delivering a heartfelt and passionate assembly about why Mums are simply the best! Mothers, grandmothers and carers attended the church to hear our Walmley children sing a beautiful rendition of 'Here Comes the Sun' (Here Comes My Mum) and mention how special these women are in our lives. Our service ended with children presenting their Mums with a card and gift and sharing refreshments together. Well done to Y4 and all of the Y4 team!



### Year 4 Coventry Trip

We really enjoyed our trip to Coventry this week and visited the old and new cathedrals and the Herbert museum and art gallery. 'I liked learning about how the old cathedral got bombed in the war and how they tried to save it' (Esme). 'I liked sketching different things' (Archie). 'The angel engravings and the stained glass windows were really good.' (Anthony). 'I love fashion and thought the dressed up mannequins in the art gallery were great!' (Lyra). We had lots of positive feedback from both venues about our children's behaviour, which was lovely to hear. Well done, Year 4!

### Junior PCSOs

We are very proud of the 22 children who graduated as Junior PCSOs last week. After six training sessions, they were awarded their certificates by Superintendent Sarah Burton in assembly and made their pledge to 'serve West Midlands Police and Walmley Junior School with honour and integrity'. In the New Year, the newly qualified PCSOs will begin their duties. This will involve monitoring safe parking outside school, encouraging children and parents to use the crossing and supporting children in the playground. **Please note that dangerous or illegal parking will be challenged.** We would like to thank PCSO Duncan Long for his support and advice during the training.

### Red Nose Day

The whole school raised £500 for the Red Nose event with a non-uniform day!



### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We are planning a range of different activities in school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate this special event. Details to follow!

### Office Staffing

Mrs Rachael Davies has been our School Administrator for 7 years but will sadly be leaving us on Friday (8<sup>th</sup>). She is moving out of a school setting for a new challenge and we wish her all the very best. We thank her for her calm professionalism and the lovely way she deals with the children. We will miss her!

We are currently recruiting for a new School Administrator so we hope to be able to introduce a new member of staff very soon.

### Clubs Summer 1

A reminder Clubs will start the first week back after the Easter holidays and run for 5 weeks, except for Musical Theatre which will continue after the May half term break.

### 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.

## Morning Drop Off

Can we please remind parents not to let children out of the car in the traffic, there was an incident recently with children getting out of the car whilst the traffic was moving. Also, can we ask children to be careful on bikes and scooters as they are coming down the road. A couple of times this week, children have been travelling so quickly that they can't stop safely and it gets congested in front of the Infant's gate. We don't want to see anyone getting hurt.

## COVID – Government UPDATE

### **Should my child still go to school if they test positive for Covid?**

**No.** From 1 April, anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result will be advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while they are the most contagious – **three days for children under 18 and five days for adults.**

### **Will my child's school still be taking measures to prevent Covid?**

All schools should have in place baseline infection prevention and control measures that will help to manage the spread of infection:

- Ensuring all eligible groups are enabled and supported to take up the offer of national vaccination programmes including COVID-19 and flu.
- Ensuring occupied spaces are well-ventilated and let fresh air in.
- Reinforcing good hygiene practices such as hand washing and cleaning.

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> April

We would like to give the children who normally have sandwiches the opportunity to have a lunch on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. 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 **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April.**

***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:

**25<sup>th</sup> May**

**22<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 **£3.00**. Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

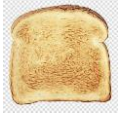
**Once the deadline date has passed there will be no opportunity to order, so please do not contact us to ask.**

Respect ▪ Honesty ▪ Kindness ▪ Generosity ▪ Perseverance ▪ Politeness ▪ Conscientiousness



## 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 **£2.00**. Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022**. **Once the deadline date has passed there will be no opportunity to order, so please do not contact the school office to ask.**

**Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> May Y3 Children will have toast on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, due to school being closed Monday.**

## Lunch Menus

When we return to school after half term we will be on **Week 1**. We will have new menus after Easter and these will be 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 **£62.50** for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 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](http://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

### Summer Term 2022

25 <sup>th</sup> April	School Open
25 <sup>th</sup> April	RSE Meeting for Y 5 & Y6 Parents
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6.11 Parent Lunch 11.45am
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Young Voices – Resorts World Arena
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Early May Bank Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS Week
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Treat Afternoon
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6.12 Parent Lunch 11.45am
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee activities
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Half Term

2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Spring Bank Holiday
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Training
7 <sup>th</sup> June	School Open
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 France Trip Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Father's Day event
20-24 <sup>th</sup> June	France residential trip – Year 6
27 <sup>th</sup> June	School Class Photos
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Break up for Summer Holidays

### Autumn Term 2022

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

### Spring Term 2023

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

### Summer Term 2023

17 <sup>th</sup> April	School Open
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Training Day
6 <sup>th</sup> June	School Open
19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> June	France residential trip – Year 6
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Break up for Summer Holidays
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Teacher Training Day
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### Autumn Term 2023

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

### Spring Term 2024

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

### Summer Term 2024

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