

Friday 27th May 2022

SATs Week

We would like to say a huge “Well done!” to our Year 6 children who worked their socks off to complete their SATs test this term. They revised hard and gave every test their best. This positive attitude should be commended after missing large chunks of school over the past two years. Children said afterwards that they had enjoyed the challenge and were happy with how they had performed. We had a treat afternoon on the last day to celebrate; this included a special lunch on the field and a chocolate fountain. Children then spent the afternoon relaxing with their friends playing sports or beautifying in the WJS Spa. Thank you to our wonderful PFA team for raising the money which paid for this event.



Office Staffing

We are happy to announce that Mrs Anna Williams started working with us as our new School Administrator. We are really looking forward to her being part of our team.

Vacancies

Lunchtime supervisor to work from 12.05-1.20pm each day. If you know anyone who might be interested, please ask them to contact the school office or read the details on our website (click on Our School, then vacancies).

Earlybirds Manager to work from 3.15-5.30pm each day. If you know anyone who might be interested, please ask them to contact the school office or read the details on our website (click on Our School, then vacancies).

Young Voices

On Friday 29th April, our Young Voices choir joined nearly 6000 other children at the Resorts World Arena to (finally) perform all the songs they had been practising since September. The evening was spectacular, with a live band, professional dancers and singers and, of course, our Young Voices choir – what an experience! Special thanks to Miss Pearson for spending so many lunchtimes teaching the children the songs and actions, and to the parents who came along to support the event.

The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

We had a whole school assembly this morning to celebrate this special event, which was brilliant! The children will be doing lots of activities during the day such as making their own jubilee crown. At the end of the day we will all be going out onto the field to perform a dance all together and having a jubilee cake! Thank you to Mrs Baker for organising these events and making the Queen’s Jubilee so special for us and thanks also to Mrs Bean and our wonderful kitchen staff for their extra hard work this week.

WJS Summer Holiday Club

After the success of previous summer holiday club programmes, we are pleased to inform you that we plan to run a holiday club again this year. Letters have been sent to all children so please speak to the school office if you have any questions.

Holiday Club – Week 1 (Monday 25th July to 29th July) and Week 2 (Monday 1st August to Friday 5th August)
Option 1 – 8.00am – 4.00pm £20 Option 2 – 9.00am – 3.00pm £16

Activities: Children will have a variety of activities to participate in, including outside games, computer time, cooking, football, rounders, tennis, basketball, a quiz, x-box games and fun on the Bouncy Castle! We know the children like the water fun activities too!

Sports Day

This will take place during the morning of Tuesday 12th July – **Years 3 and 4: 9.15-10.15** and **Years 5 and 6: 10.45-11.45** and parents are welcome to attend. However, could we please ask you not to cross the running track or ask your child to come over to you. If the weather forecast is bad, we aim to notify you of our cancellation by text the day before if possible.

Clubs Summer 2

A reminder that clubs will start the first week back after half term and run for 6 weeks (except for the Teacher Day on Monday 6th June which affects Y3/4 Dodgeball).

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**

Please do not allow children to congregate in front of the car park gates at the end of the school day. These are in constant use and therefore a possible health and safety threat to the children. Children should not climb on the gates or fence at any time.

11+ Entrance Test – Birmingham Schools

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for The Grammar Schools in Birmingham, for entry to Year 7 in September 2023.

The closing date for registering is 4pm on 30th June 2022.

The test will take place on 17th September 2022.

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below.

<https://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org/apply-onlineapp.php>

Absence

If your child is absent due to illness, please remember that you need to contact the school office **before 9.30 a.m.** 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 note that we have received this message from a local resident:

As a resident of Dovey Drive right by the school, I am very concerned about the parking on the road. I have emailed the school before, and nothing changes. They are double parking on each side so there is no chance of getting on and off our drives, as well as emergency services would not get through!! I urge you to send all parents and carers messages regarding this on a regular basis. It is not fair on residents, and we all feel the same and are beyond frustrated.

We would ask all our parents to be respectful of local residents and consider the safety of our children and pedestrians, please.

Appointments during the School Day

Can we please ask parents to make routine appointments out of school time, wherever possible? e.g. dentist, opticians

Start of day requests to speak to teachers

A reminder to parents that the teachers need to prepare for the school day and supervise pupils as they come in between 8.40 am to 9.00 am; this means they are not available during that time. If you need to speak to a teacher urgently, please speak to the member of the Senior Leadership Team who is on the path.

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 in time.

Hot dog Lunch – Wednesday 29th June

We would like to give the children who normally have sandwiches the opportunity to have a lunch on Wednesday 29th 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 **Sunday 12th June**. This date has been changed from the 22nd June.

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

Cake Sale

The kitchen will be selling homemade chocolate sponge cake on a Friday morning break priced at 60p. This will start on Friday 10th June. 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 **£4.20**. Payment should be made no later than **Monday 6th June**. **Once the deadline date has passed there will be no opportunity to order, so please do not contact us to ask.**

Children in Year 6 who are going to France will not have cake on Friday 24th June so will need to pay £3.60 for this half term.

Week commencing 27th June children will have cake on Thursday 30th June.

Week Commencing 18th July children will have cake on Thursday 21st July as school is closed on Friday 22nd July.



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 **£2.80**. Payment should be made no later than **Monday 6th June 2022**.

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

Week commencing 6th June Y3 Children will have toast on Tuesday 7th May, due to school being closed Monday.

Children in Year 6 who are going to France will not have toast on Thursday 23rd June so will need to pay £2.40 for this half term.

Lunch Menus

When we return to school after half term we will be on Week 1.

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 £82.50 for Tuesday 7th June to Thursday 21st July 2022. If your child is going to France it will be £70.00. 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

Summer Term 2022

2 nd June	Spring Bank Holiday (during half term)
3 rd June	Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday (during half term)
6 th June	Teacher Training
7 th June	School Open
8 th June	Year 6 France Trip Meeting at 5.30pm
17 th June	Year 4 Father's Day event at 2.30pm
20-24 th June	France residential trip – Year 6
27 th June	School Class Photos
1 st July	Year 6 Sutton Park day
6 th July	Year 6 Secondary Induction Day
6 th July	Year 2 Junior Induction Day
7 th July	Year 5 Trip to Dovedale
11 th July	Welcome to Year 3 meeting at 5.30pm (Year 2 parents)
12 th July	Sports Day: Y3/Y4 9.15-10.15, Y5/Y6 10.45-11.45
15 th July	End of Year Reports given out
18 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly dress rehearsal – Grandparents at 2.00pm
18 th July	Parents' Open Evening – 3.45-5.30pm
19 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Parents/Carers at 2.00pm
19 th July	Y6 Leavers' Disco (5.30-7.30pm)
21 st July	Break up for Summer Holidays

Autumn Term 2022

5 th September	Teacher Training
6 th September	School Open
26 th September	Individual School Photos
30 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
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