

21st October 2022

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year's event was the most successful ever and together we raised an incredible **£3,167.11!!** Thank you so much to everyone who supported our coffee morning and gave so generously to this very worthwhile charity. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents, grandparents and friends into school and the children loved having you here.



Sport Competition News

Dodgeball - On Wednesday 12th October, a team of 8 children from Year 4 participated in a dodgeball tournament at Bishop Vesey against other local schools. The theme was determination and when asked what the word meant, our children made links with our Walmley value of perseverance! They displayed excellent teamwork and most importantly, had lots of fun!

Football - The Year 6 football team advanced to the next round of the cup with an impressive 4-2 win over Deanery. They had to show lots of character during the match and the togetherness they demonstrated was fantastic. Goals from Max and a hat-trick from Haydon sealed the win!

Start of School Day

Children should arrive anytime between **8.40am – 9.00am**.

End of School Day

Years 3 & 4 – **3.25pm** Years 5 & 6 – **3.30pm**

Attendance, Absence and Punctuality

We ask that you support the school by not taking your child out of school during term time for holidays. Absence due to exceptional circumstances must be applied for by completing an 'Exceptional Circumstances Absence Form' which can be obtained from the school office. These should be returned to school and handed to the school office in advance. Any holiday requests during term time will not be authorised.

Children should arrive at school from **8.40 a.m.** – please do not bring them earlier than this (unless they are going to Earlybirds). They should be in school by **9.00 a.m.** and our school gates then close automatically. After this time your child should ring the bell and wait at the gate to be admitted. They will then be marked as 'Late' in the register. We are aiming to reduce the number of 'Lates' recorded, which are disruptive to the start of the school day. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child arrives on time.

We work closely with our Attendance Officer who supports Mrs. Smith (Deputy Headteacher for lower phase) in monitoring attendance, unauthorised absence and punctuality. Please note that we will write to you if your child's attendance is of concern, particularly if it falls below 92%, as this will impact on your child's learning. The average attendance for the school has always been above 97%.

If your child is absent due to illness, we would ask that you 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 and not take holidays in term time.

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.

Communication

Please remember that our newsletter will continue to be sent by email to the priority 1 contact in each family. Newsletters are also available on the school website and a paper copy will always be available for collection from the school office. They will **not** be issued every week, but will be on an 'as and when' basis and will be available on the school website no later than 4.00pm on a Friday. If you do not receive an emailed copy, please speak to the school office and we will check your details.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Please note that the closing date for online applications is **31st October 2022**. Failure to apply, or a late application, will mean that your child will NOT be allocated a place on 1st March 2023.

New Fairfax Academy Principal visits WJS

On Monday 17th October, the new principle of Fairfax Academy, Mr Sean Castle, visited our school so that he could re-establish links and introduce himself to our Year 6 children and teachers. He will be visiting again soon to deliver an assembly to Year 5 pupils, along with ex-pupils so that he can talk to children about school life at Fairfax Academy as well as answer any questions they may have about choosing Fairfax Academy as their secondary school.

Whole School Flu Vaccination

The date for the flu vaccination at school is **Thursday 15th December**.

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.**

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 **£87.50** for Monday 31st October to Friday 16th December. 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.

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.

Hotdog Lunch - Wednesday 23rd November

We would like to give the children who normally have sandwiches the opportunity to have a lunch on Wednesday 23rd November. If you would like your child to have a lunch the cost is £2.50. **Payment for Hot dog lunches should be made using Scopay online 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 **Monday 14th November**. **Please only pay £2.50 for the November Hotdog lunch and refrain from making overpayments as it causes issues on our payment system.**

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

Cake Sale

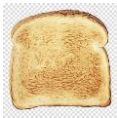
The kitchen will be selling homemade chocolate sponge cake on a Friday morning break priced at 60p. This will start on Friday 4th November. Payment should be paid in advance using Scopay on-line payment. Cake can be found in 'Products' then 'Cake Friday'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance for the half-term only, which will ensure your child receives cake on a Friday. Please do not overpay!



For the half-term it will be **£4.20** or for anyone on the **Whitemoor Lakes or Ullswater Trip the cost will be £3.60**. Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 30th October 2022**. **Once the deadline date has passed there will be no opportunity to order, so please do not contact the school office to ask.** As we are sure you can appreciate Mrs Bean has to ensure she has the necessary ingredients which is why we have a deadline.

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 31st October. 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 only, this will ensure your child receives toast on their nominated day. For the half-term it will be **£2.80** or for anyone on the **Ullswater Trip the cost will be £2.40**. Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 30th October 2022**. **Once the deadline date has passed there will be no opportunity to order, so please do not contact the school office to ask.** As we are sure you can appreciate Mrs Bean has to ensure she has the necessary supplies which is why we have a deadline.

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.

Free School Meals

Changes have been made as to how we collect information for Free School Meals. You no longer have to come into school to complete paperwork and bring in evidence as it is all done by simply registering online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>. You only ever need to register once and school will automatically be updated of eligibility or any changes of eligibility; this information is data protected as per the terms shown.

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 by a member of the Earlybirds team.

Dates for the Diary

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
8 th December	School Disco
13 th December	Year 5 Carol Service at St John's Church
15 th December	Flu vaccinations (nasal spray) – whole school
16 th December	Break up for Christmas

Spring Term 2023

3 rd January	Teacher Training
4 th January	School Open
5 th January	Year 3 Theatre Visit – Gruffalo
11 th January	Young Voices Concert - NEC
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
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



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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