

25th November 2022

Christmas Pop Up Shop

The Pop-up Shop will be open on **Wednesday 30th November 8.40am – 9.15am** for parents to come and buy things without children being present. Children can come and make their own purchases at morning play time on the same day... if there is anything left! The majority of items will be sold for 50p or £1.

Parent Governor Election Outcome

Firstly, thank you Mrs Anvy Abraham, Mrs Laura Sandall and Mr Siraj Wahid for taking the time to apply for the role of parent governor. You all wrote good supporting letters and your enthusiasm to support our school was clearly evident. Overall, 118 parents voted and I am pleased to announce that Mr Siraj Wahid has been appointed. We look forward to welcoming him to our first Full Governors' Meeting on Wednesday 7th December 2022.



Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 13th December

We would like to give the children who normally have sandwiches the opportunity to have a Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings and a festive pudding on Tuesday 13th December. If you would like your child to have a lunch the cost is £2.50. **Payment for Christmas Lunch should be made using the Scopay online payment system.** Christmas Lunch can be found in 'Products' then 'Christmas Lunch'. Payment should be made no later than **Wednesday 30th November. Please only pay £2.50 for the Christmas Lunch and refrain from making overpayments as it causes issues on our payment system.**

Ullswater 2022

On the 11th November, Year 5 children returned to school following a week of adventure with The Outward Bound Trust, on the banks of Lake Ullswater. If the challenge of being away from home for a week wasn't enough, they also climbed a mountain, scaled a very wet gorge and canoed across the lake. All of this went on in stormy wet weather and force 9 winds towards the end of the week! Despite all of this, our children demonstrated resilience and perseverance throughout, and behaved impeccably. We are very proud of them and hope we see some of their newly found confidence and independence back in the classroom.

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes

The children really enjoyed the adventurous activities that were on offer. Many of them tried to challenge themselves to go outside of their comfort zone to overcome their fears on activities such as the zipline and high ropes which was great to see. Year 4 also behaved sensibly and respectfully when visiting the National Memorial Arboretum.

Sport Competition News

Athletics - On Wednesday 9th November, a team of 8 girls and 8 boys from Year 6 participated in field and track events at Bishop Vesey against other local schools. We had some superb individual and team wins and draws. All children worked incredibly well together, cheering others on and were very gracious in defeat.

Multiskills - On Tuesday 22nd November, 10 children from Year 3 and 4 took part in a Multi Skills event at Bishop Vesey. They impressed us with their soccer slalom, rugby ball passing, shuttle runs, hurdles and many more skills! At the end of the event, the children were awarded with badges for their incredible teamwork. It is nice to see them wearing these on their ties with pride!

Eco Council

We raised a fantastic **£250 in our Energy Week Eco raffle.** We would like to say a huge thank you to pupils and parents for their contributions, and not forgetting our wonderful local businesses for their prize donations. All proceeds will go towards energy saving appliances for the school.

Attendance

A reminder to all parents that if your child is absent from school, you must inform the school office by telephoning in and leaving a full description of why your child is off that day, describing the nature of any illness fully. Please do so by 9.30 am on the first day of the absence.

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**

Parking

Once again, we would ask parents who drive to school to park in a considerate and safe way. Our Junior PCSOs will be returning to their patrols this week and will be taking photographs of any vehicles parked unsafely or illegally. This will then be passed to our local PCSO team who will issue a letter of warning or even a fine. Please remember that our children's safety is always our top priority.

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). 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. Menus are available to view on the school website.

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
30 th November	Christmas Pop Up Shop
8 th December	School Disco
12 th December	Year 3 Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal PM – Grandparents
13 th December	Year 3 Christmas Play AM – Parents
13 th December	Christmas Lunch Day
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
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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