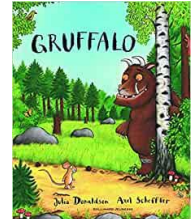


16th February 2023

Year 3 Theatre Trip

2023 got off to an exciting start in Year 3, with a visit to Birmingham Town Hall on Thursday 5th January to see Julia Donaldson's Gruffalo. It was a really imaginative production which enthralled the children. They were totally involved, laughing and cheering Gruffalo on through his adventures. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying live theatre. Well done Year 3 for being such super ambassadors for our school and making the most of this experience.



Reading Competition

We would like to say a huge well done to our Reading Competition Winners for this term – Jasper, Nathaniel, Ayaan, Ella and Lily! We have had some fantastic entries but these five children really stood out for their creativity and passion for books. Each winner walks away with two books of their choice – well done!

Athletics

On Wednesday 11th January, a team of 8 girls and 8 boys from Year 4 participated in track events at Bishop Vesey against other local schools. We had some superb individual wins and team scores. All our wonderful athletes showed great perseverance, resilience and kindness. Most importantly, they had a lot of fun!

Basketball

On Wednesday 27th January, a team of 9 children from Year 5 competed in a basketball competition at Bishop Vesey against other local schools. Despite some tough competition, our fantastic children showed determination and worked excellently as a team – demonstrating all our Walmley Values!

Walmley Infant School – Nursery Admissions

If you are interested in applying for a Nursery place for September 2023, please contact the school via their email address; enquiry@walmleyinfant.org.

Uniform Grants 2023

Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust have now released the application forms for residents of Sutton to apply for school clothing grants. Eligible families can apply once for up to 4 children and will receive vouchers for £100 per child to use at Clive Mark or Crested Schoolwear. We have already sent out some application forms to some families. If you believe you may be eligible (are in receipt of benefits), please collect one from the school office.

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 Reddipap, 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

Parents are requested to return completed forms and **copies of all pages of their proof of benefit** to the school that has stamped their form by **Monday 13th March 2023**. Incomplete forms cannot be considered. Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust will liaise directly with applicants if their application is incomplete or unsuccessful. Vouchers will be delivered to school in the first week of July.

Safer Internet Day

On the 7th February, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. Please take a couple of minutes to complete the following survey so we can further improve our Online Safety provision. You can either scan the QR code or click on the link below.

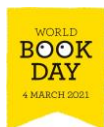
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School "Lollypop Lady"

Please be advised that Jayne, our "lollypop lady", School Traffic Patrol Person will be leaving us on Friday 17th February. Birmingham City Council are advertising for a replacement but please be aware that there may be a period of time where we do not have traffic patrol so take extra care. We're sure you will join school in wishing Jayne all the best for the future.

World Book Day Week 27th February – 3rd 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 2nd March**. Children can come into school wearing clean pyjamas and bring in their favourite book and a small soft toy. Children are also welcome to dress up as their favourite book character if they would like to do so.

School Timings – reminder

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

They will finish the day as follows: Years 3 & 4 – **3.25pm** Years 5 & 6 – **3.30pm**

Toilets – End of School Day

We have recently noticed that a number of parents with younger children are asking to use our staff toilets at the end of the school day, which causes some issues. Safeguarding procedures mean that you have to be escorted to and from the toilets by office staff at their busiest time of day. Also, the toilets are right by the Year 6 corridor and cloakrooms, which are already very congested as the older children prepare to leave the building. We would therefore request that you no longer ask to use our facilities and make alternative arrangements, please. We have not been asked in the past, so are not sure why it is happening now. Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance

A reminder to all parents that if your child is absent from school, you must inform the school office by telephoning to explain why your child is off that day, giving key details including symptoms of illness if they are unwell, by 9.30 am on the first day of the absence. Please help your child to build their resilience by sending them to school if they only have a mild cough/cold.

Earlybirds Bookings

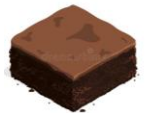
A reminder if you need to make an emergency booking, it must be made before 12 o'clock on that day. In addition, if you cancel an Earlybirds session after 12 o'clock, you will have to collect your child from Earlybirds as they may have already been taken there by a member of the Earlybirds team.

Clubs Spring 2

A reminder for parents that After School Clubs will start the first week back after February half term and run for 5 weeks.

Cake Sale

The kitchen will be selling homemade chocolate sponge cake on a Friday morning break priced at 60p. This will start on Friday 3rd March. 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 **£3.00**. Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 26th February 2023. 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.



Cake will be given to Year 3 on Thursday 23rd March as they are on their trip to Woodlands on Friday 24th March.

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 w/c Monday 27th February. 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 26th February 2023. 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.

Toast will be given to Year 4 on Monday 20th March as they are on their trip to Coventry on Tuesday 21st March.

Hotdog Lunch - Wednesday 22nd March

We would like to give the children who normally have sandwiches the opportunity to have a lunch on Wednesday 22nd March. If you would like your child to have a lunch, the cost is £2.60. **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 **Thursday 9th March. Please only pay £2.60 for the March Hotdog lunch and refrain from making overpayments as it causes issues on our payment system. *If your child normally has a lunch on a Wednesday, you do not need to pay***

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 £13.00 per week (i.e. £2.60 per meal). If you prefer to pay for the half-term in advance, it will be **£65.00** for Monday 27th February to Friday 31st March. 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.

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.

Dates for the Diary

Spring Term 2023

17 th February	Non-uniform Day (Earthquake Appeal)
17 th February	Break up for Half Term
27 th February	School Open
2 nd March	World Book Day – dress in pyjamas or as a character!
17 th March	Mother's Day service at St. John's – Year 4
21 st March	Coventry Trip – Year 4
24 th March	Woodlands Trip – Year 3
31 st March	Break up for Easter

Summer Term 2023

17 th April	School Open
1 st May	Bank Holiday
8 th May	Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
9 th -12 th May	SATs – Year 6
26 th May	Break up for Half Term
5 th June	Teacher Training Day
6 th June	School Open
16 th June	Father's Day service (in school) – Year 4
19 th -23 rd June	France 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



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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