



School Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MR LAMORTE - HEADTEACHER

A big focus for us this year has been to enhance the curriculum offer for our children by providing a range of in school experience, as well as organising trips outdoors. To meet this end, we've had a very busy few weeks where the children in Years 2, 3 and 4 have all enjoyed something a little bit different to the day to day norm.

Year 2 enjoyed their trip to the Birmingham Central Mosque, as they had the opportunity to learn about the Islamic faith and visit this place of worship. This really enhanced the Religious Education curriculum and gave the children an important real life experience to bring to life what they have been learning in school.



Year 3 enjoyed a visit from the Falconry Centre and were captivated by the Owls swooping around the KS2 hall. The room was full of smiles and wonderous looks as they had the opportunity to observe and touch these majestic looking birds. This supported their reading of the Owl who was afraid of the dark! It was like something out of Harry Potter at times! Take a look at the picture to see what went on.



Year 4 also enjoyed a trip out, although they didn't go far, as they explored the environment nearby during their local walk. They followed the River Rea down towards Kings



Norton Park and looked at the different habitats they came across. This helped bring their Geography learning to life, as the children were extremely enthusiastic and eager to explore and share what they had found.

Trips and events always take time and energy to plan and carry out, so I'd like to say a BIG thank you to all the staff who took time writing risk assessments, visiting venues and supporting children. I'd also like to thank the children for their great behaviour, which was commented up by people we met. There are still more events to come before the end of the academic year, so watch this space.

One final thing, we have noticed that there are a number of children who are not wearing school uniform. Our Uniform Policy states that "pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days)." With this in mind, please ensure that children come to school in the appropriate clothing. If you require support to ensure this happens, please contact a member of staff. We have also noticed that an increasing number of children are wearing bracelets and necklaces. Please ensure that these items are left at home as it causes distress when they are lost or broken.

One final reminder, as the sun seems to have been putting in an appearance recently, so if it's going to be a hot one, putting on a little suncream in the morning and wearing a sunhat during the day really helps to keep children safe. :-)

Key Dates and Information

23rd May – SEND coffee morning

23rd May – Road to Paris PE Workshops – Yrs 4, 5, 624th May – Road to Paris PE Workshops – Yrs 1, 2, 3

24th May—Break up for Half Term

3rd – 14th June – Year 4 Multiplication Test

10th – 14th June- KS1 Phonics Test week

12th June – Y3 Synagogue Visit

14th June – Sunshine Festival

16th June – Fathers' Day

17th June - 28th June—Y6 Swimming (Specific dates to follow)

24th June – NFER Test week – Y1 – Y6

3rd July – Class photos / Y6 photos

11th July - Summer Fair

15th July – Y6 Leavers Show – 4.00 – 6.00pm

17th July - Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm

19th July - Break up for the summer holidays

20th July – End of school year

SEND TEA AND COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 23rd May 2024

9.00-10.30am in the SNUG - please enter via the ramp.

- Chance to meet like minded parents
- Soundswell - speech therapist available Bryony
- NHS Speech therapist Laura available
- Early Help Team will be there to support

Hopefully see you there!!!



Arbor Parent App

Are you having problems logging into the Parent Arbor App? Please come to meet with the ICT Technician on any of the dates and times below and he will be able to help you.

Tue 4th June - 3pm to 4pm - Snug

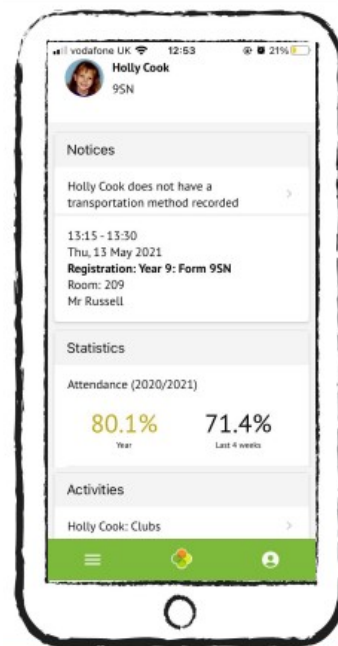
Thurs 6th June 3pm to 4pm - Snug

Summer Fair - station at the Summer Fair

Thurs 11th July

Parents Evening - Station in the KS2 Hall

Wed 17th July



Sun Screen

As the weather improves please ensure that the children are wearing sun screen when they come to school and when they are at home at the weekend and during holidays. It doesn't take very long for young skin to become burnt which leads to discomfort for your children and future health risks.



What to do if you are worried about a Child

We are very lucky that we have such a supportive community, whereby families often contact us directly if they have seen or know something of concern relating to any of our pupils. We appreciate that families and the community are the eyes and ears for vulnerable children so please see below organisations that you can contact directly if you have genuine concerns about the safety and wellbeing of any child.

West Midlands Police - 999 (if the child is in immediate danger)

NSPCC - 0808 800 5000 - Report child abuse

Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) - 0121 303 1888 or cass@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk

Online Information from the NSPCC for parents can be found at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children->



Nutrition for Busy Lives

Free to all parents living in Birmingham

What will I learn?

- ✓ To define a balanced diet
- ✓ strategies for creating healthier meals
- ✓ Managing family meal times
- ✓ How to navigate food labelling
- ✓ To eat healthily on-the-go



Zoom

Wednesday 26th June
9.30am - 12.00pm

For Further Info

Natalie Woo 07540 255 644
natalie@onyourfeet.biz



Stress Management

Free to all parents living in Birmingham

What will I learn?

- ✓ To define stress & its common causes
- ✓ To recognise signs & symptoms of stress
- ✓ To understand the impact of stress
- ✓ The importance of managing stress
- ✓ To develop healthy coping strategies



Zoom

Wednesday 19th June
9.30am - 12.00pm

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Mindset & Motivation

Free to all parents living in Birmingham

What will I learn?

- ✓ To understand the concept of mindset
- ✓ To identify your strenghts
- ✓ To believe in your ability to learn & grow
- ✓ To set SMART goals for your future



Zoom

Wednesday 5th June
9.30am - 12.00pm

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Sleep & Relaxation

Free to all parents living in Birmingham

What will I learn?

- ✓ To understand the sleep cycle
- ✓ To recognise the importance of good sleep
- ✓ Ways to relax & unwind
- ✓ Diet & lifestyle hacks to improve sleep



Zoom

Wednesday 10th July
9.30am - 12.00pm

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NORTHFIELD FAMILY HUB LAUNCH EVENT

Frankley Plus Children's Centre

131 New Street, Frankley, B45 0EU

Saturday 1 June 12.00pm – 3.00pm

Join us to find out more information about the Family Hub and what support is available for your family in the local area.

There will also be a range of family friendly interactive activities for everyone to join in!



Tel: 0121 453 3515

Email: Northfieldfamilyhubs@barnardos.org.uk

Five Rivers Fostering and Adoption Service

We are a local fostering agency, based in Bromsgrove covering the West Midlands and Home Counties, and are currently looking for new carers within your area.

As an agency we pride ourselves on the therapeutic support we give to both our carers and young people that we work with within the agency, this also extends to all the services that our carers and young people need, including schools.



If you are interested in a life-changing vocation and can provide a safe, loving home to a child in care, we'd love to hear from you.

01527 834653
0333 0603 962
five-rivers.org

Your local office: Unit 28 Basepoint Business Centre, Isidore Road, Bromsgrove, B60 3ET

Short term and long term fosters carers needed. Highly competitive fostering allowance of up to £28,000 a year, tax-free. 24/7 support and specialist training. Potential to combine with full or part-time work.