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**MISSION STATEMENT**  
**Believe and Achieve**

We are committed to the protection and safety of our pupils and safeguarding is a priority

**NEWSLETTER - Autumn Term 2015 - Issue 4 - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Dear Parents,

**ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

WB 21<sup>st</sup> September - Year 1

WB 28<sup>th</sup> September - Year 4

Well done to all the children in each class.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Thank you to those parents and children that supported the coffee morning on the 25<sup>th</sup> September. It was the best attended yet and altogether we raised £140.97. Thanks also go to Miss Taylor and Mrs Perry for organising the event.

**HOUSE CAPTAINS & PUPIL RESPONSIBILITY**

Since Year 6 have been back after the summer holidays they have been assigned various tasks around school, to increase their maturity and responsibility. On Monday the new house captains were announced. Tyla Morton is now house captain for summer house, Holly Doleman-Moore represents spring House, Jack Bentley is captain for winter and Katie Hitchcock will be house captain for autumn. I am sure that these pupils will be great ambassadors for the houses and will be role models that all children can look up to.

In the next newsletter, we will also let you know of the new school councillors in nursery to Y6, the playground buddies in Y5 & Y6, the eco warriors and other helps around school.

**LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL EVENT**

Thanks also go to those parents who took part in our walk to school event on the same day. It was great to see so many of you join in and the event will go towards our goal of becoming an A\*stars award school. Our new A\*stars sheriffs have now had training and will be working hard this year to promote healthy and sustainable ways to come to school, and to be safe and active in the community. The sheriffs are Jade Winstone and Brandon Ross from Y6 and Natalie Tonks

and Mia Andrews-Baugh from Y5. Our next event will start a little later, at 8.30am from Abbey Square so we expect to see more joining in. As soon as a date has been arranged we will let you know

**NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH - Dazzle's 10 day challenge.**

October is 'Walk to school month' and earlier this week children will have received a 10 day challenge card to use until we break up in a couple of weeks' time, to help encourage them to walk to school. Dazzle's 10 day challenge runs for 3 weeks from Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October to Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Children who walk, scoot, cycle or 'park and stride' (park away from school and walk the last part of the journey) more than 10 times during October receive a sticker at the end of the month.

**MONEY IN SCHOOL**

Can I remind, and ask, all parents/carers that if money is sent in for a visit that the money and slip are put in an envelope with your child's name written on and the reason why. The money can either be posted in the post box in the main entrance or can be given to your child so that they can pass it on to their teacher. As I'm sure you can imagine, with some classes on visits before half-term, we can sometimes have money going unaccounted for due to it not being secured in an envelope. Thank you for your help in this matter

**SWIMMING**

Can you please ensure that if your child is in Y3, Y4 or Y5 that they bring their swimming kit, with swimming hats and towels. Also if your child has a verruca to bring a verruca sock to wear. Swimming will continue up to and including Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015, and then commence again in the Spring Term on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016



### SCHOOL GARDEN

Before the holidays I am sure you will have noticed the bushes at the front of school were removed. I hope you agree that the work that has gone into landscaping the front of school is a vast improvement, and I would like to thank Mr Denton-Irwin, in particular, for helping transform the area.

Can I now ask that we are careful not to stand on the new plants and gravel area so that everyone can continue to enjoy the new garden?

### MARVELLOUS ME

I hope that you have received a message or a badge, if not I am sure it won't be long. If you haven't already I would encourage you to download the app from the Apple or Android store, free of charge, and please send the agreement form back as soon as possible. If you have any queries please go to [www.marvellousme.com](http://www.marvellousme.com) or see your child's class teacher.

### TUITION CENTRE STARTING

Smartz Tuition Service have contacted the school to help inform parents of a new tuition centre. It is for students aged between 6-16, offering support in English/Literacy - catch-up and challenge programmes available.

A free taster session is being held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30 - 12.00 at Sneyd Community Association, Vernon Way.

If you require further details you can email [toniloud@hotmail.com](mailto:toniloud@hotmail.com)

### SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS POLICY

The policy for supporting children with medical conditions has now been updated by Walsall Council. We have adopted that policy and would like to notify you of the change. If you require a copy please view our website or see the office for a copy.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October - 9am Parent Workshop on Assessment for Y1-Y6 parents in the dining hall (details to follow)

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Y3 parents evening from 1pm-6pm with Mr Guy, due to him not being available the following week

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015 - Read Write Inc. Workshop for all parents of children in Reception led by Miss Powell in the dining room

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October & Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Parents Evening (Reception - Y6, not Y3) from 3.10pm

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Assembly - Y5 (details to follow)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Y1 & Y2 at the Safari Park

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Y3 & Y4 at the Monkey Forest, Y6 girls raising money for Autism Awareness - 50p for non-uniform day and extra money to buy cakes and other treats

Y1 & Y2 will have an additional P.E. lesson on this day due to Y3 & Y4 being out of school

HALF-TERM Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 - Back to school after half-term

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 - PTA Halloween Disco - KS1 5pm-6pm and KS2 from 6.15pm-7.15pm - details to follow

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Children In Need day, details to follow closer to the day

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-bullying week

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November AM - Power of One anti-bullying performance for Reception to Year 6 pupils

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - 3pm PTA Christmas Fayre

During December - Lots of other Christmas celebrations, including performances, parties and a visit from Father Christmas

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - break up for Christmas holidays

