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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 - Summer Term 2016 - Issue 17 - Friday 27th May 2016

Dear Parents,

What a busy half term this has been, especially with children in Year 2 and Year 6 taking the new SAT's. I have heard in the press recently from academics writing that the reading paper that was given to Year 6 pupils this year had a reading age of 15. I believe that this could be said of some of the questions in the Maths paper.

Our teachers have worked hard to maintain a sense of calm for the children who have taken part in the SAT's, and we wait to see what the Government will decide in the floor standard for this year. We know that the children could not have worked harder than they have done and we are pleased with the progress that they have made.

In July you will receive your child's report. This will be a similar format to previous years, with the new attitude grade included. The children are also assessed against age related expectations, rather than levels as in previous years.

ATTENDANCE

WB 9th May - Year 6

WB 16th May - Year 6

A special mention should go to Year 6 who have had outstanding attendance this half term, in particular. Well done to all the children in Year 6, they have received the trophy and attendance teddy, with a lollipop.

There has been much in the press regards 'Leave of Absence', or holidays in term time. The Local Authority guidance remains unchanged at this moment in time, therefore procedures and practices in place will continue to be adhered to. The Local Authority will continue to issue fines to parents - although I will notify you of any changes as soon as I have been updated.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Thank you to those parents who have returned the contact details to the office, it is vitally important that we have up to date phone numbers especially if we need to contact you regarding your child during the school day.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Well done to everyone who supported the Mental Health Awareness week, by dressing up in non-uniform for the day. Also to Year 5 who took part in a 'Play In a Day' all about Mental Health - parents were very complimentary about the performance. In total £171.70 was raised to help towards Mental Health of adults and children.

A-STARS

Reception took part in a Local Walk with parents, last week. Thank you for your support with this and I know, talking to the children, that they learnt a lot about keeping safe on the pavements and whilst crossing roads.

BUILDING WORK IN SCHOOL

The old ICT suite has now been changed to a Year 4 classroom, with Year 4 now moved in and set up. The classroom has had new cupboards, carpets and a fresh coat of paint - which makes for a much more stimulating and effective learning environment. Work is also nearly completed on the old Year 4 classroom being changed into a Year 3 room, with the same changes being made.

CLASS PHOTOS

On Monday 20th June all children will have class photos in school.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

If it is necessary for children to take medication in school, we are only allowed to give that medication to an adult at the end of the day. If you don't collect



your child because they are in Year 5 and 6, you should make arrangements to provide medicine for school, separate to home, or come to the office before the end of the day. The office closes at 4pm each day. This is a change to procedures previously.

FOREST SCHOOL

27th May & 10th June - Year 3

17th June & 24th June - Year 6

1st July & 15th July - Year 1

Reception and Nursery will go in small groups throughout the term as Mrs Sheargold works in this class each day.

PTA - SUMMER FAYRE

As stated in the date's section, the PTA Summer Fayre is on Wednesday 6th July, after school. Miss Powell is requesting any items that could be used for the Tombola to be bought into school after half term. These need to be new items, which have been unused (perhaps unwanted gifts). Please send them with your child and pass to the class teacher or Miss Powell directly.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 27th May - Break up for Whitsun week.

Monday 6th June - **TEACHER TRAINING DAY - school closed to pupils**

Thursday 9th June pm - Parent afternoon for all parents who would like to attend. Run by WHG to help support work in the community, more information to follow.

Friday 10th June - School Street Party for the Queen's 90th celebrations.

Monday 13th June - SRE session for Y5

Tuesday 14th June - SRE session for Y6

Monday 20th June - Class Photos

Monday 20th June - 9am, New Reception class, parents meeting

Tuesday 21st June - 9am, New Nursery class, parents meeting

Monday 27th June - World of Work week

Tuesday 28th June - Y5 out at Blithfield Reservoir for World of Work week

Wednesday 29th June - Y4 out at Whitmore Hall for World of Work week

Tuesday 5th July - AM, Y5 out watching Wizard of Oz at Brownhills High School

Wednesday 6th July - 3pm PTA Summer Fayre

Friday 8th July - KS2 sports day AM, EYFS and KS1 sports day PM (all nursery in PM session)
Reports to parents

Monday 11th July - Abbey's Got Talent is back! More details to follow

Monday 11th July, 3pm - Parents open afternoon, including meet and greet new teachers

Thursday 14th July - Early Years Bosworth Trip & Y6 PROM

Monday 18th July - 2pm Y6 Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 19th July, 9am - WOW of the Year and celebration attendance assembly. **Break up at 1.30pm**

Wednesday 20th July - **TEACHER TRAINING DAY - school closed to pupils**

Monday 5th September 2016 - **TEACHER TRAINING DAY - school closed to pupils**

Tuesday 6th September - Autumn Term starts for all pupils.

