



NEW INVENTION JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Attendance and Punctuality

The school will reward positive attitude as always through assemblies and other means.

Positive attendance will be rewarded too at the end of the academic year, children will let us know the type of rewards they would like. Parents have said they would like to be regularly informed of their child's attendance, so we will write to parents every half term with this information. There is clear evidence that children's progress and attendance is linked and I know that the parents care dearly about their child's progress.

A message from the Head teacher

On behalf of all the staff and governors I'd like to welcome you and your child/ren to New Invention Junior School and for existing pupils, parents and carers welcome back for the new academic year.

This is an exciting time for your child/ren and for us! I believe that we teach your child today for their tomorrow. This includes skills that they can use now and for the rest of their lives whilst keeping in touch with traditional values, such as respect for others. Please take a look at our school values on the school website.

We have a determined focus on developing resilient pupils and teaching your child to develop into independent, responsible learners.

It is proven that schools do best when parents and school work as a partnership, promoting the same values and sharing your child's progress and next steps.

I will always do my very best to make myself available for a chat or to discuss any aspect of your child's education.

I look forward to a happy and successful relationship!
Thank you in advance for your support,

Mr. A. Pearson Head teacher

If you have a concern...

in the first instance please see the child's class teacher at the gate if this is not possible book an appointment at the office, if you are still concerned call and ask to speak to Ms Sharratt. Early intervention is always best. Our first meet the teacher session for a quick hello is **Tue 25th September at 3.25 to 4.45 pm**

Make sure your child is equipped and ready to go!

Please ensure your child's property is clearly labelled with their name. Children's P.E. kit should be clean and if your child is swimming they should wear a swim cap. Uniform displaying the school logo is available from Clive Marks, tesco.com/ues and also Clemmy's, Darlaston. If you require any further information please contact the school office. Children should have a clean water bottle in school which should be taken home daily to be washed and refilled with fresh water. Can I remind you that only studs (no earrings that hang) and wristwatches (not bracelets or necklaces) are allowed to be worn in school. Precious items need to stay at home. Children will not be allowed to wear earrings for P.E. These must be removed before school or your child should be able to take them out themselves. School does not accept any responsibility for lost earrings. Extreme hairstyles are not allowed. This means no contrasting lengths such as tram lines and steps, short to longer hair must be blended. Nail varnish kindly needs to be removed for school. Shoes are for school and trainers to be worn for P.E. If you require clarity, please contact the school office.

Picking up and Dropping off Children

Reminder: Please stay behind the gated areas to allow teachers and children to see.

Do not allow children on the play equipment before and after school for safety reasons.

Please remember that no dogs are allowed on the school site, even if they are being carried.

Thank you

Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 25th September at 3.25-4.45 pm.
Come along for an informal chat to your child's teacher.

Our Website

You can find lots of information about school on our website. Please explore all areas but particularly look in the Parents Zone www.invention-j.walsall.sch.uk

Health & Safety Arrangements for School Carpark

Parking for parents before and after school is problematic. This is a national issue.

May I remind you of the Health & Safety Site Sub Committee's official information regarding the school carpark.

The carpark is for school staff and official visitors to the school only.

Please do not park outside the barrier to drop off children/adults or use it as a waiting bay. Staff and visitors to the school have had entry blocked and the school has witnessed some near misses!

Disabled parent/carers with a blue badge are permitted to park on single or double lines on the main road and use the steps or ramp to access the school.

Please do not request entrance on to the carpark, as your request will be refused.

Thank you.

New Uniform with our logo is available at Clive Marks, Quasar Centre, Walsall. tesco.com/ues, and Clemmy's, King Street, Darlaston.

Staff News:

Mrs Hester who works in the office will be leaving us at the end of September for pastures new.

We would like to say thank you and very best wishes for her new role.

Term Time Holidays

As you know the school cannot authorise any holidays in term time.

All requests for time off should be made in writing to the Head Teacher as early as possible. You will receive a letter informing you of the school policy regarding term time absences and that you may be fined by the Local Authority.

Our parents have been informed about this since the summer of 2013.

The school does have too many unauthorised absences due to term time absences.

Parents can receive a fine for this and Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority for unauthorised absences.

If you have any queries please contact Mr Bould or Ms Sharratt for further information.

Paris Trip for Y6 Pupils

Sunday 17th to Wed 20th February 2019

Please pay outstanding balances as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Defibrillator Update

We now have a defibrillator. It will be installed as soon as possible.

Thank you for all contributions towards this valuable piece of life saving equipment.

Meet the Teacher dates:

Tuesday 25th September 2018

Training Dates:

3rd September 2018

5th November 2018

25th February 2019

3rd June 2019

22nd July 2019

Collecting Children from School

If you are collecting your child for an appointment please let the school office know in advance and let them see a copy of the appointment letter for our records.

When your child is being collected, this should be by a designated appropriate adult only.

You must let school know if someone new is collecting your child from school. This will ensure a smooth pick up at the gate.

Thank you.

During the holiday one of our children Frazer Fergusson wrote to This Morning to take part in a feature to learn to cook and said that he wanted to help his mom. Frazer, one of the youngest chosen, along with three others visited Gordon Ramsey's house in Cornwall.

They took part in the Big Chef Little Chef feature. If you would like to follow the programme it will be shown at some point, on This Morning from Tuesday 11th September.

Well Done Frazer.

Yearly School Dates - Advance Notice

Autumn 2018

3rd Sept to 21st Dec 2018

October Half Term 29th Oct to 2nd Nov 2018

Swimming starts for Year 4 17th September 2018

Individual Class Photographs—Wed 19th September 2018

Meet the Teacher—Tuesday 25th September 2018

Leicester Space Centre—Year 5 11th October 2018

Training Day - Monday 5th November 2018

Year 6 Chester Zoo Visit - 6th November 2018

Parents Evenings—to be advised

Year 5 Awful Auntie Theatre Visit—30th November 2018

Christmas Break 24th December 2018 to 4th January 2019

Spring 2019

Swimming starts for Y5 Mon 7th January 2019

7th January to 12th April 2019

February Half Term 18th to 22nd February 2019

Paris Weekend Sun 17th to Wed 20th February 2019

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Training Day - Monday 25th February 2019

Parents Evenings—to be advised

Easter Break 15th to 26th April 2019

Summer 2019

29th April to 22nd July 2019

Spring Bank Holiday 27th May to 31st May 2019

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Training Day - Monday 3rd June 2019

Parents Evenings—To be advised

Training Day - Monday 22nd July 2019

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Parents Evenings:

Watch this space

Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 25th September 2018

3.20pm to 4.00 pm.

All dates are correct at time of printing.

September 2018

Dear Parents

The aim of this school is to provide a rich and varied curriculum for your children, this then provides exciting teaching episodes within the classroom.

For this to happen we do rely on parental contributions, the school does not have any budget set or pot of money to pay for children whose parents don't want to contribute.

Moreover, morally it would be unfair if non-contributing parent's children go on visits when some other children's parents are struggling financially and still contribute.

Unfortunately, some parents are choosing not to contribute for their child's school trip due to Local Authority Term Time Holiday fines, the school does not receive this income. Sadly, a small minority of parents are trying to hit back at school for their fine by not contributing, when really what they are doing is denying children a stimulating and inspiring learning experience!

Recently the school and governors have taken the sad decision to cancel exciting planned trips for the reasons above, (a Y4 trip to Blackpool Circus).

School leaders are very clear that everyone needs to contribute or trips will be cancelled, although this is saddening, it is morally the correct decision.

I do hope in the future you will join us and support the aims of the school by helping to provide the very best reasonable experiences for your children.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr Pearson
Head Teacher