



NEW INVENTION JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A message from the Head teacher

Again thank you for your support during this long, busy but productive half term. On 16th December can all children wear a Christmas themed / coloured jumper and donate £1.00. All funds raised will go towards much needed school funds. Please take note of key dates on the back of the newsletter and kindly read through the reminders / information.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr. A. Pearson Head teacher

IMPORTANT SPORTS/COMPUTER CLUBS ADVANCE NOTICE

From January 2017 in order to continue with the out of school sports/computer clubs we will need to charge a nominal fee to cover the increasing costs to school, 50p/session.

We have looked at ways in which we can manage these facilities and have agreed that the best way forward is to ask parents of children attending to make a contribution of £3 per half term for each daily club their child attends. Therefore, if your child attends Mon and Thur for multi sport and Wed for after school sport this would be £9 per half term. If your child attends computers 3 mornings this will be £9 per half term. If your child attends 1 morning club and 1 after school sport this will be £6 per half term. This will be payable in advance to the teacher and no refunds will be available if your child does not attend. Places on all of these clubs are limited and in high demand, and if a child does not attend, it is very difficult to offer these places out at short notice.

We hope to continue with our out of school activities as we know they are well attended and families benefit a great deal.

All other activity clubs, such as Ninja reading, recorder, choir, football team training, Commando Joe, Christmas crafts, homework club and booster groups are all free of charge. These are run by our own staff on a goodwill basis at no additional cost to the school.

We are also experiencing difficulties with our school funds running very low and that some parents are not aware that voluntary contributions are collected half termly to boost school funds. Many schools ask parents to donate at the beginning of the academic year to help towards the educational extras that our children enjoy, such as the animal man, the discos, inflatable fun day, Christmas parties, prizes etc.. These all come at a cost and we don't really want to stop these treats.

We will be holding a number of fund raising events and any ideas that you may have, please put in writing and drop them in the postbox at reception.

Children in Need!

School raised
£323.34.
A BIG THANK YOU!

Waiting Areas:

Parents who wait for children and
parents who stay shortly for a chat please
try not to block paths.
Please try and stand on new tarmacked areas
behind the railings

Football team News!

NIJS won their latest match at Oak
Meadow School
2-1
Well done!

Meet the parents!

A great success!
Thank you to all parents who attended.
Future dates are:

7th & 9th March 2017 and 4th & 6th July 2017

Paris Trip for Y6 Pupils

Can children please bring in passports for office to Photocopy. Please check passports dates, if there are any doubts please ask.

Please Pay the remainder by the end of this year,
16th December.

Thank you

***Snow and School**

Closure*



Firstly, and most importantly please listen to the local radio stations for news of any school closures due to bad weather conditions. The school will try to send a text message to parents informing you if school is closed to pupils. Also check out the school website for updates.

PARENTS:

During these cold, wet months please remind children that they do need to wear a coat. Many children choose not wear their coat at break times and have to be reminded.

**Tree Lighting Ceremony 2.45 pm
on Fri 2nd December. Entrance
via collection gate.**



Musical Performance

**On Tuesday 13th
December
10.00 am**

There will be a year
5 and 6 musical
performance.
Further details to
follow.



Chocolate Hamper Raffle

In January the children will be holding a raffle for a chocolate hamper. Tickets will be 20p and will be sold daily. If you would like to make a donation of child friendly chocolate, please bring these into school during January.

Thank you.



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 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 clean 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. 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.

Thank you for your support



During March 2017 children will host a squash and cake sale to raise much needed funds for the school. Please support our fund raising events. Thank you.

Over 50's Coffee morning 15th December 2016

10.00 am to 11.15am

**All over 50's welcome, tickets
free-from school office**

Refreshments, Cakes

**Christmas Entertainment Provided by
the children**



**Wed 7th Dec
Christmas Craft stalls
end of school. Please
come and support us.**

Term time Holiday Reminder! It is the school policy not to grant holidays in term time, all request should be addressed to the headteacher.

Attendance Update

As you are already aware we are tackling persistent attendance and poor punctuality in school. Mr Bould has been carrying out late gates every day and as a result we have seen a definite improvement in the punctuality in school. This has been really pleasing.

Every child has an opportunity of maximum learning but only if they are at school and on time. Lateness has an impact on everyone's learning, not just the child that is late. The disruption of a child coming into class after the lessons have started is not acceptable without good reason. Children can also find it awkward when arriving late for class.

If you are experiencing difficulty getting to school on time, talk to Ms Sharratt, Mrs Hester, Mr Bould and they will try to offer support and help you in some way.

As part of the attendance procedures in place, if a child is off for three consecutive days, medical evidence will be requested. This can be a copy of an appointment card, hospital letter, discharge note from walk in centre, pharmacy first or a prescription/see prescribed medication. We also ask that you try to make appointments outside of school hours if possible. When emergency appointments take place during school hours please provide medical appointment evidence and notify the school in advance where possible.

I am sure you will agree that together we can tackle our attendance and that you appreciate the procedures we now follow. All of this, alongside your co-operation is helping us to provide a much better and safer environment for all children. A big thank you to all parents for ensuring high attendance.

All term time absences (holidays) should be made in writing to the Head Teacher and each case will be considered on its circumstances. But please remember, school does not authorise any term time absences for holidays. However, you should still notify the school that your child is going away, if you do not, a visit will be made and it may mean that you could receive a penalty notice for non attendance at school. The recent legal case still prominent in the news, has caused the Government to re – address the procedure for fixed penalty notices. We are still waiting further guidance on this. However, Walsall has decided that we continue to issue a standard letter for un authorised absence and that paperwork is prepared and forwarded to the Authority for them to consider a fixed penalty notice on the circumstances, the previous attendance history and current attendance. Our attendance policy and report to parents states:

100%	Outstanding
Over 99%	Excellent
Over 97%	Good
Under 93%	Requires improvement

Parking for parents before and after school is problematic. This is a National issue. Local residents have also complained about private driveways being used and entrances being blocked. I have been told that registration numbers are being passed onto the police. It is my duty to make you aware of this. PLEASE do not park in the driveway entrance this is DANGEROUS!



6th Dec Year 3 & 4
7th Dec Year 5 & 6
Holy Trinity Church Service,
Coltham Road, Willenhall
At 9.30 am

Xmas Parties
Mon 12th Dec Y3 Tue 13th Dec Y4
Wed 14th Dec Y5 Thur 15th Dec Y6
Children to bring their
party clothes to change
into. Refreshments are
provided.



Yearly School Dates - Advance Notice

School will be closed due to staff training days :

26th May,
24th & 25th July 2017

MEET THE TEACHER DATES

14/2/2017, 25/4/2017

PARENTS EVENINGS

7/3/17 AND 9/3/17
4/7/17 AND 6/7/17

Autumn Term:

5/9/2016-16/12/2016

Swimming for Y4

Runs until Christmas

Swimming starts for Y5

9th January 2017 and runs until Easter



2nd Dec Tree
Lighting Ceremony 2.45pm

Year 5 London visit 15th Dec
2016

6th Dec Year 3 & 4

7th Dec Year 5 & 6

Holy Trinity Church
Service 9.30 am



Wed 7th Dec

Christmas Craft Fayre end of
school

Music Concert

Tuesday 13th Dec 10 am

YEAR 3 Black Country Museum
visit Wednesday 14th December

Over 50's Coffee Morning
Thursday 15th Dec 10 am

Xmas Parties



Mon 12th Dec year 3

Tue 13th Dec year 4

Wed 14th Dec year 5

Thur 15th Dec year 6

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Spring Term:

3/1/2017-7/4/2017

Paris Trip:

19/2/2017-22/2/2017

Half Term:

20/2/2017-24/2/2017

Half Term:

10/4/2017-21/4/2017

Summer Term:

24/4/2017-25/7/2017

May Day: 1st May 2017

Half Term:

29/5/2017-2/6/2017

Training Days:

26th May, 24th & 25th July
2017

All dates correct at
the time of
printing