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“Through Jesus we achieve our very best.”

Newsletter No 15 – Friday 10th May 2019

Attendance & Punctuality since last newsletter. Congratulations to Year 5 and Year 3!

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	97.4%	95.2%	95%	98.6%	96.1%	99%	96.3%
No of Lates	18	19	13	9	20	11	17
Whole school attendance this fortnight	96.8 %			School Target			96%

DIARY DATES:

May

- **Mon 13th to Fri 24th Year 5** swimming - 1.15-3.30pm
- **Year 1/2** Tennis Coaching - School playground - 1.20-2.45pm
- **Thu 16th** Catholic League Cricket match v St Bernard's - 4pm
- **Year 2** Class photo Academy photographers - 1.15pm
- **Mon 20th Year 6** meeting with Bishop Challoner - 11am
- **Wed 22nd Year 3/4** School Games Tennis Competition - Billesley Tennis Centre - 12.30-4pm
- **Thu 23rd EU Election Day - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- **Fri 24th Year 5** Assembly - 9am
- **Fri 24th SCHOOL CLOSSES** for Half-Term - 3.15pm

June

- **Mon 3rd Teachers Training Day - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- **Tue 4th SCHOOL RE-OPENS - 8.55am**
- Girls only Kwik Cricket Comp - King's Heath CC - 10am-2pm
- **Wed 5th-Fri 7th Year 6** Bikeability training - all day
- **Thu 6th Year 5** Kwik Cricket Comp - Harborne CC - 10am
- **Fri 7th Year 3** End-of-year trip - Museum of Cannock - 9am
- **Year 1** Assembly - 9am
- **Mon 10th Year 6** Kwik Cricket Competition - KHCC - 10am-2pm
- **Tue 11th-Thu 13th Year 6** Bikeability training - all day
- **Fri 14th Year 2** End-of-year trip - Weston-Super-Mare Academy photographers Class Groups/Leavers/Sport Teams - 8.30am-12pm
- **Mon 17th Catholic Athletics** - Alexander Stadium - 1-6.30pm
- **Wed 19th Year 5** School Games Cricket Comp. - KHCC - 12.30
- **Thu 20th Year 5** trip to the Space Centre - 10am-2pm
- **Fri 21st School Sports Day** - KS1 am/KS2 pm
- **Sat 22nd School Summer Fair** - 12-3pm
- **Mon 24th Rec** trip to Hatton Country World - 9am-3.15pm
- **Wed 26th Year 1** trip to The Think Tank - 10am-2pm
- **Thu 27th Year 6** Rounders Comp. - Swanshurst School - 4pm
- **Sun 30th First Holy Communion Mass** - Church - 10-11.30am



Elections for the European Parliament will take place on Thursday 23rd May.

School will serve as polling station and will be closed to children that day.

Thursday 23rd May

EU Election Day

Monday 3rd June

Teachers Training Day



SPORTS DAY

Friday 21st June

Morning KS1 / Afternoon KS2

All welcome

Y6 SATs

Year 6 SATs will be taking place next week, **Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May.**

Year 6 children are invited to come into school at 8.20am each day as we will be providing them with breakfast and a drink. Breakfast will be served until 8.40am. Please ensure that children have a good night's sleep and come into school prepared for the tests.

They have all worked hard and we wish them the very best.



Year 5 children will go swimming for two weeks, starting on Monday 13th May. The lessons take place each afternoon and children are back in school ready to be collected at 3.40pm.

Swimming forms part of the National Curriculum so it is compulsory to participate in and it also teaches children vital life skills.

During the intensive swimming course, children **MUST** bring their swimming kit (costume/trunks and a towel) into school **EVERYDAY**. Please ensure the swimming kit is in a clearly named bag. Children with long hair will also need a swimming hat. Any outstanding swimming questionnaires need to be back in school ASAP: this record is passed onto the swimming baths on the first day so they have an idea of the children's swimming ability and will group the children accordingly.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You will receive a letter on Monday 13th May asking you about Free School Meals. We really need **EVERYONE** to fill in the form, even if you are quite certain not to be eligible. This will allow the school, if you wish, to apply for free meals for your child on your behalf but also **gives vital EXTRA FUNDING for our school.**

Thank you to all the families who came and made the PTA's



a big success on Friday 3rd May 2019 (£300 were raised for the school).

Please accept their apologies if not much was left to buy when you arrived. It was the first time the PTA organised an event of this format and they were really sorry they underestimated the quantities

Please ensure that After-School Monies are **paid in advance**. All outstanding dinner money, after-school club and breakfast club must be paid no later than 24th May 2019.
Thank you.



Our Year 4 Hockey team produced an incredible unbeaten performance to win the Year 4 Hockey Cup last week. They competed against 4 other schools over 6 matches and won every single match! We are very proud of them. Many thanks to parents who helped with transport, came and supported the team. Photos are on the school website of the winning team.

WALK & BIKE TO SCHOOL

Now the weather is better, remember that children and parents alike could benefit greatly from walking or riding a bicycle to school. Just make sure to walk safely on the pavement, to cross the roads cautiously and to use a helmet when riding.

children are back in school

Year 1 & Year 2 participated in a Multi Skills festival before Easter. Year 1 finished 11th, Year 2, 5th and our final combined position as a school was 7th out of 19 schools. Many thanks to all staff who attended with the children. It was great to see our younger children having fun and being active.



Photos are on the school website.



The Football season has now ended for another academic year. Miss Haydon is still awaiting our final league position which should be known after Whitsun holidays. Could all children who have played for the Football team this year, please return their kit ASAP. It is vital these kits are returned so they can be used again next year. Many thanks to parents who have already returned kits.



Aamna, Deepika and Isabel, Year 4, for passing their grade 1 **ballet** exam and bronze **tap dance** medal exam.

Congratulations to...

Delilah, Year 3, for passing primary **ballet** exam and primary **tap dance** assessment.

Tye, Reception, for getting a **swimming** award and Zak, Rec, for starting a **herbarium** with tree leaves.



Congratulations to the following children who have celebrated their hard work and excellent behaviour with an afternoon tea!



Rec – Raihan & Ismaeel
Year 1 – Aisha & Esa
Year 2 – Halima & Usayd

Year 3 – Olivia & Alishba
Year 4 – Kazim

Year 5 – Theo & Giovanna
Year 6 – Safiya & Kaysaan

children vital life skills.