



The Spring term 2018 got off to a flying start in school with “Pattern” day, the children enjoyed a range of maths focus activities and problem-solving throughout the day. The children have thought about their highlights across the last school year – which will be displayed in school.

Looking forward in 2018 our school new year resolution is to change the Key Stage 2 library, and the children have come up with lots of fantastic ideas for new books, ideas for naming the room, and what should be included.

All the children have begun new projects, and there is some fantastic work going on in classes. We look forward to sharing this with you on parents evenings.

JASS Club (Junior Award Scheme for Schools)

We are really proud of the first group of pupils to gain this award. Congratulations to 21 children who received accredited Bronze Awards in a special celebration assembly. The children started in Year 5 and have worked for the past year developing new skills, supporting the local community, and completing an adventure element. Thank you to Mrs Nock and parents for supporting the children.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting fundraising. The Black Country Food Bank were amazed at the amount of produce they collected – A big thank you! Fundraising totals for the end of term too ...

Black Country Food Bank £31.77

Water Aid £19.92

Macmillan Coffee Morning £284.86

Children in Need £470.60

OSCA Holiday Club is running in February half term.

Booking forms are available on the website, from the school office or OSCA club.

Costs: £22.00 full day £11.00 – half-day

Reminder from the HSA – School Disco tickets are available online and selling fast

www.pta-events.co.uk/gigmillhsa

Reminders from the Office.

Please can we ask that Parents do a ‘double check’ that their child has everything they need for the day **before** coming to school in order to minimise disruption and learning during the school day. We are getting increasing amounts of items bought in to pass on to children during the school day i.e. swimming and PE kits, tuck, etc.

Please note that the absence line is only to report absences and also needs to be completed before 9.30am **each day** your child is not in school.

Diary Dates

5th February – Parent/Teacher Consultation @ 3.30pm – 5.30pm

6th February – Safer Internet Day

7th February – Parent/Teacher Consultation @ 5.00pm – 7.00pm

13th February – Year Six SATs information meeting @ 3.30pm (Letter to follow)

Half Term Break – 19th February – 23rd February

1st March – World Book Day

6th March – Year Six JASS meeting @ 3.30pm (Letter to follow)

8th & 9th March – Whole School Book Fayre

Congratulations to

Julie Hill, our School Cook, and all the staff in the school kitchen for achieving a Gold award in their recent kitchen audit.



Reminders –

The gates to the car park at Broadway entrance are closed to cars between 8.30am – 9.00am & 3.00pm – 3.30pm.

This is for the safety of the children.

When parking near school -

Please consider access for neighbours, bus routes and other road and pavement users.

Headlice

Unfortunately, we have some cases of recurring headlice in some year groups. Please can we ask all parents to be extra vigilant and check your child's hair regularly.

Also, it would help stop the transference of headlice if all long hair was tied back.

Thank you for your co-operation.

SAFETY ALERT SAFETY ALERT SAFETY ALERT

There have been reports of a man driving in a black Punto & wearing a grey hoodie trying to entice children into his car. Please speak to your child/ren about staying vigilant and safe.

As part of our **RRSA 'Right to Clean Air'** focus, can we remind all parents/carers dropping off/picking up children to and from school to not leave car engines idling.

Did you know? - An idling engine can produce *up to twice as many* exhaust emissions as an engine in motion. Exhaust emissions contain a range of air pollutants such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and particulate matter. These can effect the air quality of the surrounding environment and the air we breathe.

Well done to our young designers ! Winners of the 'No Smoking by the School Gates' posters

Antonia – Year 6

Harry – Year 6

Grace – Year 1

Tom – Year 6



E-safety- for advice and information for parents:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<http://parentinfo.org/page/for-schools>