



Get Well Soon

We are all sending Mrs Hannaway our get well wishes this week. Following an injury she is at home resting and learning how to use crutches to help her get around. Hopefully Mrs Hannaway will be back in school before the Easter holiday; but sadly the injury means that Mrs Hannaway won't be able to take part in the planned Easter trek in Nepal. Miss Kamudu is still going and will tell us all about the visit when she returns after Easter. We have asked her to take lots of photos about life in Nepal that we can share with the children on her return.

Sponsored Family Walk

Thank you to everyone who came and took part in our sponsored walk on Friday. It was a great success.

Just a reminder that if all sponsor forms and money could be bought back into school by Wednesday 10th April that would be a great help.

We look forward to sharing our total raised with you in our next newsletter.

Congratulations to Naomi, Emily and Lettie in Year 5 – they baked and had a cake sale in school and raised an impressive **£21.96**, which they would like to go into our Classrooms in the Clouds fundraising.

Jakob in Year 4 has raised a fantastic **£55.50** which has been added to our overall total of **£305.37** by holding a bake sale and a 'Name the Lamb' competition, for Comic Relief.

Rose in Year 2, raised over **£10.00** with her charity toy sale in aid of 'Stourbridge Lions'

Well done to you all – and thank you for your continuing support for all our fundraising efforts, we truly appreciate it.

All the children in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 have had a fantastic time learning out of school on their recent visits. Year 3 went to the Safari Park, Year 4 went to Dudley Zoo and Year 6 have had a full day of bell-boating on our local canals. All the children have thoroughly enjoyed their visits and have learnt a lot from their day out of school. Well done for excellent behaviour as well!

Well Done to the Debate Team!

The Year 5 debate team visited St. James' Primary school on Wednesday 27th March. They were able to listen to and comment on the debates that went before us. During our own debate against Bramford Primary, the children spoke well and presented the arguments they had prepared well; convincing the audience to vote for their idea. They were well behaved throughout and a credit to the school.

'I thought the debate was a great experience, I thought it was amazing' 'The debate was a big success and I think we did really well'

Change to School Dinner Menu – Friday 12th April – Box Meal

Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Tempura Fish Goujons, Jacket Potato with Tuna, Cheese and Beans, Salad bags, Easter Biscuits, Cake and Fruit bags.

There will also be a free raffle for all children taking a school lunch, with a prize of an Easter egg available for each year group.



Further to our visit from the Air Ambulance on February 15th, we are very pleased to let you know that, with your help, we were able to donate £293.30. Thank you!

Celebrating Autism Awareness Day

Last week was Autism Awareness Week which we celebrated on Tuesday 2nd April. The children came into school in one item of clothing that was different to their normal school uniform. Some of our children did a special assembly and during the day we all learned more about what autism is with lots of different activities.



With your help, we collected and donated 232kgs of food and 49.1kgs of toiletries. From us and the Black Country Foodbank – THANK YOU!



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HSA NEWS

Easter Egg Hamper Raffle

Congratulations to Natalie in Year 6 who was the lucky winner of the Easter Egg Hamper. The grand total raised was a fantastic £138.50.

National Festival Circus – May 18th

Reminder – Tickets are now on sale at www.pta-events.co.uk/gigmillhsa with a special early bird price of £4.50 per person (early bird prices only available until 12th April)



Diary Dates

Term Ends: Friday 12th April 2019

INSET Day: Monday 29th April 2019

Voting Day: Thursday 2nd May 2019

May Day: Monday 6th May

Half-Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019

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.

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.

Wishing everyone a lovely Easter break, we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 30th April.

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>

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