

**TOGETHER WE CARE, TOGETHER WE SUCCEED.... July 2023**

Thank-you all so much for your support this academic year, it is so much appreciated by all staff and governors. As we are nearing the end of our school year, we have lots to celebrate together...

From the youngest children in Nursery and Reception, to the oldest children in Year 6 we are really impressed by their positive attitudes for learning, and their team work in classes. Each year group has done great work, and have enjoyed some special visitors, trips or visits. We are only able to do this with your support – Nursery and Reception have enjoyed forest school experience days, Year 1 visited Dudley Zoo & Castle, Year 2 visited Birmingham Nature Reserve. In Key Stage 2, Year 3 visited the Roman ruins in Wroxeter and for Year 4 a visit to the Art Museum inspired some super Art work. Year 5 completed a WWII workshop at RAF Cosford and the Year 6 residential to PGL Liddington was the highlight of the year for many children.

Across school the children have been developing new Art skills, and have created some superb drawings, paintings and sculptures impressing us all with their talents.



Our Year 6 Leavers made us all feel even more proud this week, they had a brilliant time socially together at the celebration disco. For the Leavers' evening they showed such a range of creativity and talents with musical performances, dance, poetry and such poignant writing describing their Gig Mill memories. They showed such great team spirit, and made us all laugh and cry. Thank-you Year 6 we wish each and every one of you even more success as you look ahead to high school and a new adventure.

A huge thank-you to our HSA who have raised a fantastic £2600 this term holding a variety of events, a big thank-you to everyone involved - it is really appreciated.

Well done to a group of charity fundraisers in 4R who have been busy making different kinds of bracelets to raise money for Cancer Research this week. They have raised a total of £22.95 which is fantastic !

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September 2023 information:

We look to seeing everyone looking smart coming back to school in September 2023.

School uniform - we ask that uniform is labelled as the children start new classes.

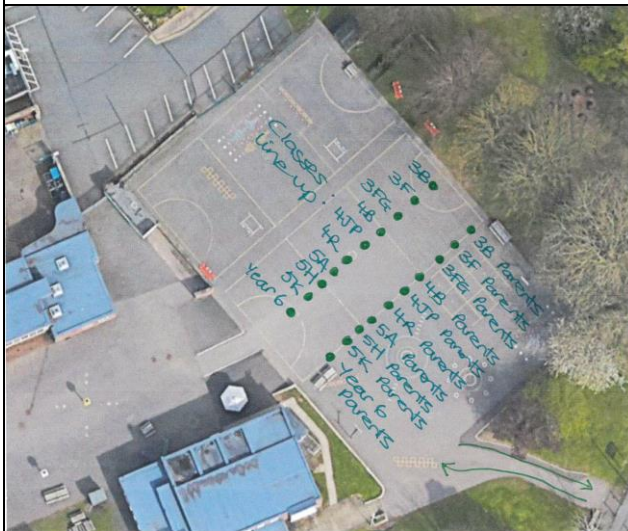
Grey trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafores etc. Green sweatshirts or cardigans. White shirts or polo tops.

PE kit – we ask that children come to school on PE days wearing: trainers, plain black shorts or joggers and the coloured house T shirts. PE days are not mufti days. Earrings and jewellery should not be worn on PE days.

Book bags – we ask that children bring book bags to school for Reading books, we don't have the storage space for 30 large bags for each class in school, all the resources children need are in class. There is room in lockers for a winter coat and a small bag for Year 6.



Broadway end of day dismissal - Reception, Year One or Year Two – as new staff get used to identifying new parents to safely dismiss at the end of the day routines, please be patient. New Reception will be closest to the school hall, and Year 2 closest to the Nursery outdoor classroom. We ask that parents wait behind the class marker so that the younger children can be dismissed to parents at the front of the queue first. If you are waiting for older siblings, collect the youngest first, then please move to the back of the playground ensuring the way in and out are kept clear (marked in red on map). Thank-you.



Heath Farm Road end of day dismissal – as new staff get used to identifying new parents to safely dismiss at the end of the day routines, please be patient. Year 3 are new to Heath Farm Road and will line up in the same way as the younger children, and be dismissed to parents at the front of the queue. Thank-you.

Please note that due to Safeguarding procedures we are not able to release children from Reception, Year One or Year Two via Heath Farm Road.

Sibling drop off at Broadway will remain unchanged, end of day collection for children in existing Reception and Year 1 will remain unchanged (otherwise two collection points).

We would ask you to complete a Microsoft request form, which will be sent out next week, if arrangements have changed due to a new September 2023 Reception starter.

Finally, we would really appreciate it if you could complete our parental survey. The QR code to access is displayed here and please complete one for each child you have in school. – Thank you, and have a wonderful summer break!



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