

NEWSLETTER

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LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

26th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024. For those new to school, welcome. Newsletters are sent out on the last Friday of the month, if there is information that I need to share with you that cannot wait until the end of the month, I will send out additional letters.

Please always look at the diary dates at the end of the newsletter as new events and dates will be added in **bold**.

Before I continue to share all the amazing events and work the children have been involved in, I wanted to give you an update on where we are with the kitchen. Since I wrote to you at the start of the term, we have had a few contractors visiting site and it has now become apparent that water pipework in the kitchen isn't sufficient and also needs replacing, along with pipework in the upper building and three new water heaters across the upper building. When they say things come in threes, they are not joking! I am very conscious that our current situation isn't not what many parents would like but I really am trying. This week I have contacted four local councillors because without any support and funding, I cannot see how school can pay for all the works. I have always been transparent and will continue to keep you updated with this.

It has been a couple of years now since we decided to ask children to come to school in the agreed PE uniform. Unfortunately, we are still having some children who are not wearing the correct kit, even though this has been communicated clearly. The acceptable PE uniform is:

- Plain black joggers/plain black legging. No lines, colour etc
- School PE top
- School PE hoodie/school jumper/school cardigan
- Trainers

We now have spare PE kit in school which we will be happy to give to any child not wearing the correct PE uniform. Causing your child undue worry is avoidable, they just need to be provided with the correct uniform please.

We have been receiving regular updates in regards to measles and the recent outbreak of measles in the West Midlands. We have been instructed by NHSE that the MMR vaccination will be offered to all school aged children in clinics, outside of school. There will be no e-consent prior to the clinic, consent will be taken on the day. We have attached a flyer with information of where the clinics will be held.

Kind Regards



Mrs Shepherd

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WORLD
BOOK
DAY

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. We will be participating in this event again this year. Children can wear their PJs for the day and are encouraged to bring in their all-time favourite book. We would like to invite you all in to share a book with your child (there will be pastries). If you have children in both building can you all please attend with the youngest sibling.

As recognised by OFSTED, we take mental health of children and adults seriously. We aim that all the work we do with the children daily empowers and equips them to find their voice and individuality. During the week we will be completing additional work around resilience, emotions and zones of regulation, all of which will support our children.



Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK



5-11
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2024



BLACK COUNTRY
FOODBANK
LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST

Thank you to all that donated to our Harvest Foodbank in aid of the Black Country Foodbank. Our donations helped to feed 8038 children in the Dudley area during 2023.

News from around the School



Year 4 and 5 visited the church to learn about the Saints for the 5 churches that belong to the same family as St Margaret's. They listened to the legends of 3 of the saints and carried out activities. Mother Victoria spoke to the children at the end about how important each and every person is & how if everyone shares love and kindness it will spread and make the world a better place.



Congratulations to all our choir members who attended Young Voices at the Resorts World Arena. We had an amazing memorable night; singing and dancing as part of a choir of over 5000 children! Our children represented our school brilliantly and performed with commitment and energy. It was joyous to see them all so happy whilst loving their singing!



One of our families in the school community recently lost a grandparent over the Christmas period. To raise money in their memory, one of our Year 6 parents is shaving all her hair off on Valentines Day. You can read their story and donate to their cause here:

<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/7c522826-fba8-4903-992c-0451e039bd8d>

Cooking club have been learning the technique of rubbing. Last week, we learnt the skill while making apple crumble. This week, we continued to practise our rubbing technique by make scones. The cooking room smelt amazing!! Here is the recipe we used:



Ingredients

- 100 g unsalted butter (cubed)
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp sea salt
- 350 g self-raising flour (plus extra for dusting)
- 50 g caster sugar
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 190 ml whole milk
- 1 tsp vanilla bean extract
- 125 g sultanas
- 1 egg for glazing

Instructions:

- Heat the oven to 220°C/200°C Fan/430F and place a lined baking tray in the oven to preheat.
- Tip the self-raising flour, sea salt, baking powder and cubed unsalted butter into a food processor and pulse until it resembles bread crumbs.
- Pour the mixture into a bowl and stir in the caster sugar. Alternatively, rub the butter into the flour mixture until breadcrumbs are formed.
- Then add the lemon juice to the dry mixture!
- Heat the whole milk in the microwave or on the hob so its warm but not hot. (Microwave will take about 30 seconds – you don't want it too hot!)
- Add the vanilla bean extract to the whole milk and mix.
- Make a well in the dry mixture and add the liquid. Stir with a spatula as it will be very wet at first – but it'll soon dry out as the liquid is incorporated.
- Fold/knead through the sultanas until even.
- Dust your work surface with some flour and tip the dough onto it.
- Fold the dough over a few times so it is smooth, but don't over work it!
- Roll the dough out until it is about 4cm thick.
- Dip a 5cm round cutter into the spare flour and cut out the scones – you will probably get four out of the first go! Repeat this again till you finish up all the dough!



- Take the tray out of the oven carefully and place the scones onto it.
- Brush the tops with the beaten egg so it's glazed.
- Bake in the oven for 10 minutes.
- Leave to cool slightly when baked, and enjoy!



Message to parents:

'There has been an outbreak of Measles in the West Midlands.

Vaccination UK have been instructed by NHSE to administer the MMR vaccination to all school aged children who are outstanding one or both doses. The MMR would have first been given at the age of 1 years-old, and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months.

If your child is outstanding one or both doses of the MMR, please contact Vaccination UK on 01384 431712 to make an appointment. This will be at an alternative venue and NOT at the school.

We are able to administer the MMR to any adult who requires either dose, please check the NHS app, to see if you are eligible, prior to calling.'

Have you and your children had their MMR vaccine?

Pop up vaccination clinics have been set up across the Black Country for children aged 5 and over and adults who have missed a dose.

Measles is a highly infectious disease which can lead to serious complications such as severe lung infections and inflammation of the brain. It also damages and suppresses the whole immune system, meaning children can be left much more susceptible to catching other illnesses.

Symptoms of measles include:

- high temperature
- runny or blocked nose
- sneezing
- cough
- red, sore, watery eyes
- rash, which usually appears a few days after cold-like symptoms (sometimes it starts around the ears before spreading to the rest of the body).

MMR vaccine clinics

Sandwell:
Saturday 27 January, 9am-1.30pm, Wood Lane Community Centre, Wood Lane, West Bromwich, B709PT.
To book an appointment call 0121 592 1110.

Walsall:
Saturday 27 January, 9am-1.30pm, South & Central Locality Hub, Birchills Street, Walsall, WS2 8NF.
To book an appointment call 01922 902035.
Saturday 3 February, 9am-3pm, vaccination van located outside Poundland/Pep&Co in Walsall Town Centre, Lower Hall Lane, St Matthews Quarter, WS1 1PU.
Walk in, no appointment needed.

Wolverhampton:
Saturday 27 January, 10am-4pm, Park Village Education Centre, Cannock Road, Wolverhampton, WV10 0RA.
Walk in, no appointment needed.
Saturday 27 January, 9am-3pm, vaccination van located at Bilston Market, Pinfold Street, Wolverhampton, WV14 0DN.
Walk in, no appointment needed.

For details of where the clinics are, please see details attached or visit our website at blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/measles

Diary Dates:

Monday 29th January – Parents' Evening bookings open on School Life

Monday 5th February – Y6 NHS Height/Weight check

Friday 9th February – 9am – Positive Parenting Taster Session

Monday 12th February – HALF TERM

Tuesday 20th February – 5pm – 7pm – Parents' Evening

Thursday 20th February – 3.30pm – 5.30pm – Parents' Evening

Thursday 22nd February – 9am – Positive Parenting Group Starts

Friday 23rd February – 9.15am – Toddler Stay & Play

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – All children/staff to wear pyjamas

Thursday 21st March – 9:15am – KS2 Easter Service – (Tickets Only)

Thursday 21st March – 2.45pm - EYFS/KSI Easter Bonnet Parade – KSI Playground

Friday 22nd March – 9.15am – Toddler Stay & Play

Friday 22nd March – END OF SPRING TERM

Monday 25 March – EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 8th April – School Re-opens to Pupils for Summer Term

Thursday 11th April – Y3 School Trip

Friday 26th April – 9.15am – Toddler Stay & Play

Thursday 2nd May – Polling Day – **SCHOOL OPEN** (School will no longer be used as a Polling Station)

Friday 24th May – INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

Monday 27th May – HALF TERM

Friday 28th June – 9.15am – Toddler Stay & Play

Friday 12th July – 9.15am – Toddler Stay & Play

Monday 22nd July – INSET DAY- School Closed



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School Life App – All parents have a login for our primary method of communication. If you're not using it, your child **WILL** miss out!



<https://twitter.com/stmargaretsathl?lang=en>



School Money App – Our school payment system. Parents have all been set up with a login to the important app.



<http://www.hasbury.dudley.sch.uk/>



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