

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Our values for this term are Hope and Love

Happy New Year. Welcome to the first newsletter of 2025. Once again, this newsletter will have key information and dates for your diary, so please make a note of them.

Census day was another record breaker, thank you so much for your support with booking meals. We have two more 'special menu' days coming up this academic year: World book day - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025, and Independence Day - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Nearer the time, you will receive meal information and see posters around school. I continue to monitor the catering service to ensure all children are being offered enough of what they will eat. I have found that children are saying no to at least two items and, therefore, have very little on their plate. All children are encouraged to try a little of everything.

### Leadership

In school we have various opportunities for children to be leaders. We believe that Leadership instils confidence, and helps children solve problems, giving children many opportunities to develop responsibility. We have signed up for the Junior PCSO programme with West Midlands Police, where year 5 will have the opportunity to apply, be interviewed and take on the role of a junior PCSO. This entails work around school and the local community.

### Sponsorship

In order to be part of the Junior PCSO programme, we must purchase the uniform, which is a tabard and cap. Without becoming political, schools are struggling financially and I wondered if there were any parent/carers whose company would sponsor this opportunity or if there were any parents that would like to make a small contribution to this. Please contact the office, thank you

## World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 children can come to school either dressed up as a book character or in their PJs. The children who will be taking part in Bikeability can change into their PJs after their biking sessions.

## Swimming

For some time now, I have been looking at providing a better swimming provision that works for our children. Historically, we have used Halesowen Leisure Centre, however, since their renovations approximately 18 months ago, the pool hasn't been large enough to accommodate the whole class in the pool at one time. This did mean that children were having to sit out, wait around and get cold for a large part of the short lesson. Swimming is an important part of the National Curriculum, and the aim is for all children to be able to swim by the time they leave primary school.

After researching and speaking to a number of schools across many authorities, I reached out to a provider of a 'pop up' pool. Providing all the checks over the next 2 weeks go well, we will have a pool onsite for 6 weeks after half term. The pool will be situated on the yr3/4 playground and comes with heaters and changing cubicles.

It is staffed with qualified swimming personal, and all health and safety checks are carried out daily by the contractor. The pool holds 10 children at any one time so the plan will be to rotate classes throughout the week. I will be sending out more information about the swimming in a fortnight, once all the checks have been completed.

Mrs S Shepherd  
Headteacher

# LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

**Year 3** recently enjoyed an incredible experience day using green screens, where they found themselves in the middle of the ocean during a terrifying storm! We had so much fun writing all about how our central character Erin would have felt.



**Year 6** have a busy few weeks ahead preparing for this year's Dudley Book Awards. Good luck.



**Year 2** have been re-creating natural and man-made patterns using a range of media. We have started to learn about the designer and artist William Morris, and will use his work to influence our own creative patterns as we progress through the unit.



Year 4 enjoyed a visit from West Midlands Fire Service, where the children learnt about fire, road, car and water safety in an informative, interactive session. From spotting potential hazards in the home, learning how to make an emergency call and how to perform the Stop, Drop and Roll manoeuvre, the children have learnt a wealth of life skills.



### Upcoming Event EYFS/KSI

It is our Read with Parents session on Friday 31st January 2025 at 8.30am. Parents with children in EYFS/KSI are invited to share a story with their child and stay for the first teaching session of the day. Please arrive at your usual gate at 8.30am on this date if you would like to join us.

### Congratulations to our Mental Health Champions

Over the past the 6 weeks, some of our children have been undertaking training from One Goal to become Mental Health Champions. We are proud to say that they will be graduating on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January, ready to support their peers in school, just in time for Mental Health Week on 3<sup>rd</sup> February.





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## Diary Dates:

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices Concert for School Choir

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Y4 Library Visit

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Y6 NHS Height & Weight Check

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – 8.30am – EYFS/KSI Read with Parents session

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Mental Health Champion's Graduation

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Y3 Trip

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Y3 Library Visit

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Y4 Trip

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Y5 PCSO Assembly

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Y1 & 2 Police Vehicle Visit

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Evening 5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Y2 Library Visit

## HALF TERM 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Y1 Library Visit

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February - 8.30am – EYFS/KSI Read with Parents session

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – Dress as a favourite character or in PJ's

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Bikeability

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Library Visit

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – 8.45am – Cuppa with a Copper

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 9.15am – Mother's day service – Nursery

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 2.00pm – Mother's day service – Reception

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 8.30am – EYFS/KSI Read with Parents

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – 2.30pm – Easter Bonnet Parade EYFS/KSI

## EASTER HOLIDAYS 14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – INSET DAY** – School Closed to all pupils

Diary Dates Continued...

**Half Term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Summer Fayre

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Read with your child EYFS & KSI (Reception & Years 1 & 2 parents can stay for the first learning session.)

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – 9.15am – Y6 Leaver's Service

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – 5pm – 7pm – Y6 Leaver's Party

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – INSET day**