



### Welcome back to another exciting year!

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable holiday and I can't believe we are at the start of another year. Children have come back to school looking very smart, thank you all so much, they do you proud. We hope you have noticed improvements over the holiday; the mobile classroom, playground markings and the outdoor gym is now in use. I am also pleased to report that the children have all settled into their new classes and are working hard.

### Diary Dates

#### **Dates for information and your diary, more details to follow nearer the dates**

- 11<sup>th</sup> September Curriculum Quiz
- 11<sup>th</sup> September – phonics meeting for parents 2.45 and repeated at 6pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> September – Forest School starts for year 1 - details have been sent to all year 1 parents, please contact school if you haven't received yours.
- 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 9.05 to 9.35 – Phonics modelled lessons for parents meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> September – Fun Family Book Quiz 6pm -7.30pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> October – Harvest Festival
- 14<sup>th</sup> - October Music Concert in school 2.15pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> October – People from History Week, years 1-6
- 24<sup>th</sup> October – School Disco
- 5<sup>th</sup> December – Curriculum Quiz in school
- Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November parents of pupils from years 1-6 are invited to drop into maths lessons to observe how maths is taught
- 27<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Review Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> November – Non Uniform Day – in return for a 'bottle' for the school Christmas Fayre
- Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Inspire Week; parents will be invited to join their child in the hall, details and dates to follow.
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – Non Uniform Day – in return for a 'chocolate' item for the school Christmas Fayre
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Performance from years 2 and 4. Performance times 2pm and 5.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – Rock Steady Concert at 9.15am
- 19<sup>th</sup> December – Reception and Nursery Nativity, performance times 10am and 2pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas parties in the morning
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – School finishes for the Christmas Holiday 1.30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Children return to school. (6<sup>th</sup> January is a Teacher Training Day)



### Playtime Snacks

All children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 receive a piece of fruit as a daily snack. Children in classes 3, 4, 5 & 6 can bring in a piece of fruit from home or purchase a healthy snack from school for 25p daily, payable on Parent Pay.

### Water

For hygiene reasons all children from years 1-6 must bring a full water bottle into school each day. These can be refilled in school.

Children in **Early Years** do not have to bring in a water bottle.

Water is freely available throughout the day.

### Milk

Children receive free milk up until the term they are 5. If you want your child to continue to have milk the cost is 25p a day payable through Parent Pay.

### Attendance

Our attendance target for 2019/20 is 96%

A polite reminder: the school gates open at 8.45am, the bell goes at 8.55am and children who arrive after this time will be coded as late 'L'. Children who arrive after 9.10am will be coded as 'U' late after registration. This is an unauthorised mark and could result in a penalty fine from the Attendance and Prosecution Team.

School **CANNOT** authorise holidays for family holidays and events, or for **routine** appointments such as doctor, dentist or optician appointments.

Evidence shows that much of the work children miss when they are off school is never made up, leaving them at a considerable disadvantage to their peers. There is clear evidence of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement.

**Macmillan Afternoon Tea - Donations of cakes, biscuits and chocolate are desperately needed to help make our day a success and raise as much money as we can for a charity that is close to home for many of us. Join us in the mobile at 2pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Donations of cakes to be sent to school on the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup> please.**



### Volunteering in School

#### Do You have a bit of spare time?

**Reading Champions** Our Reading volunteers do a fantastic job listening to children read and help children make some outstanding progress with their reading. If you have a couple of hours a week to spare, you could help us make a real difference to both a child's reading skills and confidence. Contact the school office if you can help.

**Are you a keen gardener?** We don't have a lot of garden, but we could really use your help to make the most of what green areas we have. If you or a family member/friend can help please contact the school office.

## Harvest Festival

Once again we are collecting for the Black Country Food Bank – they serve our local community and have helped many of our families through difficult times. Please give generously, however, if every child only brought one item it would help someone in crisis.

**Old Hill Primary School – 1st October 2019**

#### Toiletry Shortages

SHOWER GEL  
MALE SHAVING FOAM (RUN OUT OF)  
ADULT TOOTHBRUSHES  
MALE AND FEMALE  
DEODORANT (RUN OUT OF)  
WASHING UP LIQUID  
SMALL BOXES OF WASHING  
POWDER

#### Food Shortages

TINNED FRUIT  
TINNED POTATOES  
PACKETS OF MASH  
BISCUITS  
1LITRE UHT MILK CARTONS  
TINNED SPAGHETTI  
TINNED/CARTON READY MADE  
CUSTARD  
TINNED RICE PUDDING  
PACKETS OF COUS COUS  
SQUASH/CORDIAL  
VEG READY MEALS (MAC  
CHEESE, VEG CURRY)  
TINNED TOMATOES  
BREAKFAST CEREAL (A FEW  
BOXES LEFT)  
PACKETS OF SAVOURY RICE  
TINNED MEAT READY  
MEALS (CHILLI, STEW)

We are sorry but we cannot  
accept out of date food items or  
food items containing alcohol





### FIT FOR LIFE – THE DAILY MILE

All children in classes 1-6 will be doing the daily mile. This involves each class going into the playground to complete 10 laps of the playground where they walk/run for 15 minutes. This is part of our PE Curriculum and is not optional.

### After School Activities

Club	Year Group/s	Cost For 6 sessions, Payable on Parent Pay	Day 3.15-4.15pm	Start Date	No. of Weeks
Journalism	6	£12	Tuesday	10/09/19	6
Netball	3, 4, 5, 6	£12	Monday	16/09/19	6
Dance	2, 3, 4	£12	Thursday	12/09/19	6



School is participating in the Aldi's Kit for Schools competition. Please remember to ask for the stickers, when you spend £30 or more. We could be in with a chance of winning £20,000! However, 300 stickers will get us a football kit. Let's get saving!

### PE

Earrings must be removed for PE or covered with a sticking plaster. Children need to bring their own plasters to cover their earrings if they are not removing them.

### Swimming – Year 4

Swimming commences Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, initially for year 4 only. It is recommended that **all** children wear swimming hats and goggles. Earrings must be removed or covered by a swimming hat.

### Parent Pay

New parents who haven't signed up to **Parent Pay**, please see office staff for an activation code.