



YWCPS NEWSLETTER



KS2 SATs.

Well done to year 6. The tests this year were very challenging, particularly the Reading paper and Reasoning in Maths. School's locally and nationally shared the view that these were the toughest tests in the 25 year history of SATs. Whatever your feelings are about the pressure these assessments put on children, you'd have been proud of the way our year 6 approached the tests. They were positive, focused and gave their very best.

KS1 SATs.

Year 2 have had their SATS tests too. You may have heard about various mistakes and maladministration by the Department for Education, including leaked test results. Rest assured our children & staff did everything by the book, encouraging children and ensuring that they weren't stressed out by the assessments. They have been really grown up and have all tried their very best

Staff changes:

Miss Tuby is leaving us at the end of this half term, following a busy but productive year in Nursery. She will be replaced by Mrs Trevis, who has been seconded in from Highters Heath Primary school for the next half term. Thank you to Miss Tuby for all her hard work and dedication. Also Mr Clarke will be leaving us after half term, following his successful application and interview for a full-time site supervisor post at another school. We wish him luck in his new school and congratulate him on his promotion.

Year 6 - Snowdonia

It is over 3 months since Y6 came back from North Wales and we are still chasing payments from a few parents. As with the Condober trip, we have kept costs down, but we still need payments in, otherwise we may struggle to offer the same level of support next year. Paying in a little and often is the easiest way!

Condober:

The Y5 Condober trip is fast approaching. We have kept costs to a minimum, and provided transport - but we can't pay for it all! Parents of Y5, please bring in what you can, when you can.

Spotlight on Attendance

Unfortunately a small minority of our families are still dragging down the attendance figures for the whole school. We have come a long way with our attendance, but those who are still persistently absent or who are frequently late are not helping their children or their school. Whilst their children's progress is hit, we are also under scrutiny. We are tightening up our procedures and several parents will be facing 'Spotlight on Attendance' very soon. Thank you, however, to the vast majority of you who get your children to school every day.

Medicines in School

With immediate effect, we can only administer medicines which have been provided on a prescription from the doctor. If your child needs Calpol, antihistamines/hay fever tablets or any other medicines which is not prescribed, can these please be administered at home, before the start of the school day.



We love the fact so many children are now riding bikes & scooters to school.

Can we ask that they are not ridden on school premises and helmets are worn.

School will not be responsible for anything brought in to school.



Staying on the bicycling theme, there is a women's cycle maintenance session on Saturday 16th July at Christchurch centre, time to be confirmed. Coffee and biscuits will be served, there will be a fully qualified, full time cycle mechanic who will talk you through the basics of bike maintenance. It would be very useful for checking the safety of your bike and then passing the knowledge on to your child.



School re-opens to children on Wednesday 8th June.

Can we remind parents of children in year 6 they have a trip to London to see Lion King and the coach will be leaving school at **8.00am** and it will not be able to wait for any children that arrive late. We also need payment from quite a few parents for this trip and the trip to Snowdonia, there are only **7 weeks** left before the end of term and all payments need to be paid by then.

The Big Read.

Following on from last year's 'Big Hoot' event with owls all over Birmingham, this year we are taking part in 'The Big Read'.

Children are designing and decorating book shaped benches. We will let you know where ours will be situated as soon as we are informed.

The benches will be placed around school when the event finishes.

NURSERY

THERE ARE JUST A FEW PLACES LEFT IN NURSERY FOR SEPTEMBER 2016. IF YOU HAVE A CHILD OF NURSERY AGE, OR KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS, PLEASE SEND THEM OUR WAY!

UPCOMING TRIPS.

8th June – year 6 Lion King, London £35.00

8th June – year 3 Botanical Gardens, £7.00

15th June – Nursery Stratford Butterfly farm, £8.00

21st June – year 2 Weston Super Mare, £7.00

29th June – year 4 Stratford on Avon, £12.50

8th July – year 5 Condover, £105

All trip money can be paid in to the office.



Can we please ask parents to take extra care when parking near school, we have had several 'close calls' recently with driving and parking without any regard for children and people around.