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Newsletter

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Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome to the Spring edition of the newsletter and what a busy term it has been! With two weeks to go before the holiday, we still have a lot to pack in – persevering at our work, but also looking forward to the light-hearted end of term activities as well.

Easter

As usual, we will be having our popular Egg Technology competition: the entries are always amazing and I am sure we will be delighted by this year's efforts. The only rule is that at least one eggshell has to appear in the children's creations. After that, let their imagination run



wild! Please bring the entries to school on the very last morning - Friday 12th April. There will be 4 prizes - best in Foundation Stage, best in key stage 1 and a prize each for best in lower and upper key stage 2. On the last day, we will also be having a non-uniform day - your child can come to school as a chick, bunny or any other Easter related theme. Please don't feel you have to go mad on costumes-dressing in something grey or yellow will do the trick! If your child wishes to dress up, please send in £1 on the day to help school fund.

Late pick up

Despite repeated reminders, a few parents are still regularly arriving late to pick up their children. This is not acceptable. Children often feel anxious, the office staff and teachers have to supervise the children and attempt to contact you, and then the children have

to go into After School Club without a prior booking. This booking system is purely to ensure that there is staff capacity to supervise the children in the club. In an effort to reduce incidents, the following protocol will apply from the start of the summer term:

1. If you know you will be late, you must contact the school office and give them an estimate of your arrival time.
2. Your child will be taken to the after school club, and you will be charged the usual rate for the time they have to stay in the club.
3. If you are sending another person to pick up your child you must ensure they have the correct password.
4. If you do not contact the school and we have to attempt to contact you, the above will apply but you will also be charged an additional £5

for each 30 minute period. Should your situation be a genuine emergency, this additional fee can be waived at the head teacher's discretion.

Please note that it will not be acceptable to ring several times a week to inform us that you will be late. School finishes at 3.15 pm, and although we realise that occasional lateness may be unavoidable, regular lateness is simply lack of



planning. If 3.15 pm is not a suitable time for you to pick up, you MUST make alternative arrangements which could include prior booking (before midnight the night before) into the After School Club. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who respect these simple procedures.



World Book Week Poetry Assembly

Watch the video on our website!

WhatsApp groups



Recently there have been several incidents related to the misuse of WhatsApp groups. We would like to remind parents and children that the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 or over. We urge all parents to keep an eye on their child's mobile phone or online activities involving social media.

Comic Relief Fundraising

We raised a fantastic £154.98 for Comic Relief - thank you for your donations.



Silver and bronze medals for tennis teams



Well done to our Year 4 children who have recently won silver medals at the Kings Heath School Games Tennis Competition. Also well done to our Year 5 / 6 teams for being awarded bronze medals.

Gold for Lucas in Cross Country competition



We competed in a field of approximately 50 runners in each of the separate girls and boys races at the South Birmingham Year 5 Cross Country competition. Lucas finished in first place. Lucas has already won gold in the Year 6 race back in the Autumn term and also won gold in the Year 4.



School Planner

Date	Event
Tuesday 9 th April	Nursery and Reception Easter workshop 9-10.30am
Wednesday 10 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Botanical Gardens trip Year 4 Spring/Easter assembly 9am
Friday 12 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress up as chicks or bunnies Egg Technology
EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 15th April – Friday 26th April	
Monday 29 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children return to school Year 3 Multiskills – More info to follow
Tuesday 30 th April	Year 2 Multiskills – More info to follow
Wednesday 1 st May	Year 1 Multiskills – info to follow
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday – school closed
Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs all week
HALF TERM Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	

Year 6 Environmental Art - bottle tops appeal

In the Summer Term, Year 6 will be learning about climate change and the affect we are having on our environment. During this topic, the children will be completing a large piece of artwork for the school made out of plastic bottle tops.

If you have any plastic bottle tops from drinks bottles or milk bottles, of any size or colour, could you please donate them for Year 6 to use in their art. There will be a box in the main office.

SATs revision resources

There is a link to some useful information on how your child can prepare for their KS2 mathematics SATs whether they are in Year 5 or 6. We have added the link on the Year 6 blog <https://year6.bellsfarm.org> - if you need help accessing it, please speak to a member of the Year 6 team.

Runners up for Year 4/5 football team

We finished runners up in the Kings Norton District Primary Schools Football Association Year 4/5 Football 7 a side competition.



At a glance

Whole School Attendance

96.6%
Target 96%

Current Value Word

FRIENDSHIP

After School Clubs

3.15pm- 4.15pm

Mon	Football - Year 5-6 Art Club - Year 3-6
Tues	Computing - Year 3-6 Choir - Year 4-6 Lego - Year 3-6 Film Club - Year 4-6 Cricket - Year 5-6
Wed	Basketball - Year 4-6 Football - Year 3-4 French Club - Year 2-3
Thurs	Outdoor Club - Year 5-6 Lego - Year 4-6 Activity Club - Year 1-2 Multiskills - Year 1-2
Friday	Drama - Year 4-6

Value Words Next Term

Perseverance
Courage
Respect

Safeguarding

Our school's child protection officers (Designated Safeguarding Leads) are:

- Miss McClelland
- Mrs Butterworth
- Mrs Knipe
- Miss Hackett
- Mrs Johnson
- Mr Johnston
- Mr Baddhan
- Chair of Governors: Ms Hughes

