



May Newsletter

Friday 12th May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say a big thank you and well done to all the children and staff in Year 6 for making the week of national assessments a positive experience. Prior to assessment week the staff took the children to Kings Heath Park to have some fun playing outdoor games. They finished the week with a movie and they have bowling to look forward to next week. Well done to all the children for working so hard.

The children in Year 1 also had an outing in their first week, they all enjoyed the trip to Hatton Country Park. We were lucky with the weather which meant as well as feeding farm animals and holding mini beasts the children could also experience the variety of bouncy castles and rides!

The children in Year 2 were very excited to tell me about their Bollywood Dance workshop: "It was really hard at the beginning, then it was awesome!" said Arlo. Ivy added "It was so much fun and we all had a scarf to wear around our waist and now we are good dancers."

Year 5 learnt more about the planets as they experienced a planetarium at school, after learning that some planets are far too hot and some are far too cold the children have decided Earth seems the best place after all!

Well done to all those children who earned a behaviour award for last term, and thank you to the parents who attended the assemblies, we are all very proud of the children and their photos are displayed in our main entrance.

There was plenty of laughter, singing and dancing in the KS1 and EYFS talent show. A big thank you to all the acts that took part and congratulations to Mimi who won with her brilliant ballet dancing.

Have a great weekend.

Attendance News

For the week 24th-28th April the following classes achieved our 97% target: RD, RP, 1B, 2HM, 3C, 3F, 3W, 4K, 6N, 6S. The winning classes were 2HM and 4K with 100% well done. Our overall attendance was 96.3%. The classes with no lates were 6N and 6S.

For the week 2nd- 5th May the following classes achieved our 97% target: RP, 1B, 2HL, 2HM, 3C, 3F, 4F, 4K, 6M. The winning class was 4K with 99.2% well done. Our overall attendance was 95.5%. The classes with no lates were 6N and 6S.

Remember to check out our website www.wheelerslane-pri.bham.sch.uk

Dates for your Diary

<u>May</u>	<u>July</u>
Thursday 18 th 5B to Kings Heath cricket club	Monday 3 rd First aid training for Years 4 and 5
Friday 19 th at 8.55am RD Class Assembly	Monday 3 rd Year 4 to Conkers
Friday 19 th Year 6 Acocks Green Bowling	Tuesday 4 th First aid training Year 5
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th Year 2 SATs Week	Tuesday 4 th Enabling Enterprise for 20 Year 5 pupils
Wednesday 24 th at 2pm Year 1 art display for parents	Wednesday 5 th Transition Day
Friday 26 th at 8.55am RP Class Assembly	Friday 7 th Year 5 to Severn Valley Railway
Friday 26 th Year 2 end of topic celebration 'Indian Summer' for buddy classes	
Friday 26 th Reception 'Teddy Bears Picnic' Kings Heath Park.	Friday 7 th 10.15am Signing Concert at Camp Hill
Friday 26 th at 4pm School Nurse drop in	Friday 7 th at 4pm Wheelies Summer Fair
Friday 26 th break up for half term	Tuesday 11 th - possible Sports Day
<u>June</u>	
Monday 5 th Children return to school	Wednesday 12 th at 7pm Leavers Production
Monday 5 th - Fri 9 th Healthy Living Week	Thursday 13 th at 7pm Leavers Production
Wednesday 7 th School Photographer (groups)	Friday 14 th Reports to parents
Friday 9 th Life Education Bus for Year 6	Friday 14 th Year 6 to Safari Park
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th Attendance Week	Monday 17 th from 1.30pm Open Afternoon
Monday 12 th Freshwater Theatre Company for Year 1	Wednesday 19 th Reception trip to Weston
Tuesday 13 th Science workshop at school 4M	Thursday 20 th 10-12 Nursery to Hickory Dickory
Friday 16 th at 8.55am RLD Class Assembly	Thursday 20 th Bouncy Castle for Reception
Monday 19 th Year 6 Inspire workshop	Friday 21 st at 9am Leavers' Assembly
Monday 19 th 5S to All Saints Church	Friday 21 st at 12pm Whole school picnic
Tuesday 20 th Year 4 Timezone in school - Saxons	Friday 21 st break up for the summer holidays
Tuesday 20 th 5A to All Saints Church	Monday 24 th Training Day
Wednesday 21 st Year 3 Timezone in school – Stone Age	Tuesday 25 th Training Day
Wednesday 21 st 5B to All Saints Church	<u>September</u>
Wednesday 21 st Year 6 to Safeside	Monday 4 th Training Day
Wednesday 21 st 2 Year 4 classes to Science of Sound	Tuesday 5 th Children return to school
Thursday 22 nd Year 2 Twycross Zoo	
Friday 23 rd at 2pm KS2 Talent Show	
Thursday 29 th Year 3 to NEC	

Nursery fund raiser

Children, staff and parents took part in a sponsored walk and cake sale this week to raise money for Save the Children, well done and thank you to everyone who took part.

Lost Property

A lot of lost property has gathered already since the start of this half term. If your child has lost anything, please come and check the box in the main entrance. Many of the items do not have names on, please can we urge all parents and carers to put their child's name and class on jumpers, cardigans, coats, bags and lunchboxes; then if they do get lost, they can be returned.

Schools Just Want to have Funds

You will have seen the letter last week about the cuts to school funding and the impact that it will have on our school and your child's education. On Sunday 21st May from 10.30am – 2pm there is a Big Picnic taking place in Cannon Hill Park to draw attention to the issue of school funding cuts. All families are welcome to go and support an issue that is important to everyone in our school community.



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A word of thanks from the Governors

I would like to express the sheer delight and pleasure all the governors experienced during Governor Week (24th-28th April 2017) last month. It was great to observe pupils from Reception to Year 6 going about their school day displaying outstanding behaviour and positive attitudes to learning, taking pride in their school and treating both adults and fellow pupils with respect. I was delighted to hear the pride and joy members of the school council take in their commitment to providing a pupil voice and serving the school community. One of the highlights of the school day was the school dinners, which took us all back to our own school days! I considered myself lucky when I had the opportunity to observe a Year 2 class auditioning for 'Wheeler Lane Got Talent'. We spotted plenty of talent that was oozing with confidence, enthusiasm and the desire to succeed. This would not be possible without staff commitment to promoting aspiration and excellence at all levels. The week concluded with the 'Inspire Workshops' where we saw many parents support their children with sewing skills in creating all types of fancy and creative bags.

For more detail on Governor Week and how our Governors got on, you can go to the following link: <http://web.wheelerslane-pri.bham.sch.uk/index.php/governors-week>

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank each and every teaching and support staff that work at the school and contribute towards creating a positive, stimulating and happy learning environment for our children. Between ourselves we certainly had a fun, enjoyable and memorable week and we are looking forward to building on this partnership and meeting as many of you in the coming months.

May I also take this opportunity to thank parents for the role they play in ensuring our children reach their truest potential and my fellow governors who play an active role in the life of our great and inspirational school.

In the meantime, we will be jazzing up the Governor Board located near the library, so watch this space for further news!

Best wishes,

Tomina Sagheer (Chair of Governors)