



St Mary's C of E Primary School

Parent Newsletter

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Parents' Evenings

The recent set of parents' evenings were the first conducted virtually and they saw the highest booking rates for many years. We have received lots of positive feedback with the main themes being: convenience (no requirement to travel to school); appointments running to time and parents being able to join meetings from different places. A link to a survey was sent out just before half-term and the findings will help us make a decision as to how we will hold future sessions.

Annual Report

This will be sent home on Friday 16th July and, together with the recent parents' evening, should provide a clear understanding of your child's achievements along with identifying the areas they can improve upon next year.

Covid-19 Measures

Local infection rates continue to remain below the national average but we must remain vigilant, especially as the end of term approaches and there will be families hoping to get away for holidays in the early part of the summer break.

- Follow all self-isolation guidelines if your child or a household member develop symptoms.
- Do not send a child into school while a test result is being awaited (either for the child or a household member).
- A negative result on a rapid 30-minute test does not override self-isolation.
- Keep your children with you when they are on site, do not allow them to run ahead of you or mix with other children.
- Observe social distancing while you are waiting on site and avoid congregating on pavements and pathways.

On the next page you will see some dates and times of end of year events. The next phase of the national easing of restrictions will determine what we are allowed to do in terms of these going ahead so they are not confirmed. However, they have been included so they can be put into your diary and we will update you about the status of these as soon as we can.

Safeguarding

The school takes its safeguarding duty very seriously. If you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child, then you must contact the school or the Birmingham Children's Advice and Support Service on 0121-303-1888 in confidence.

The school will always act in the best interests of a child whenever a concern arises. This does mean that other professionals may be contacted before parents are informed of a concern that a child has disclosed. This is a nationwide approach and one that is followed in this school.

Class Allocations for September

Children will find out who their class teacher is for next year on Wednesday 7th July. Ideally, this will take the usual format where the class will spend the morning with them. Again, it is something we will make a final decision about once we know the restrictions that are likely to be in place at that point.

Attendance

Our attendance figure to date is 97.5%, this compares to a current national average of 96.1%. Children across the school have made rapid progress since returning in March and it is no coincidence that attendance has been high during this period. Specific figures for each year group are below:

Reception: 97.4%	Year 1: 97.0%
Year 2: 98.0%	Year 3: 97.9%
Year 4: 97.1%	Year 5: 98.4%
Year 6: 96.5%	

A reminder that any late children are to report to the office and not to classroom doors, this helps staff to have an accurate picture of attendance and enables the school site to be secured promptly.

Term Dates 2021 - 2022

The summer term ends on **Wednesday 21st July**. Below is a further reminder of dates for the next academic year:

- Aut 1:** Mon 6th September – Fri 22nd October 2021
- Aut 2:** Tues 2nd November – Fri 17th December 2021
- Spr 1:** Weds 5th January – Fri 18th February 2022
- Spr 2:** Mon 28th February – Fri 8th April 2022
- Sum 1:** Mon 25th April – Fri 27th May 2022
- Sum 2:** Mon 6th June – Thurs 21st July 2022

Staff training days (where school will be closed) are:

- Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September 2021
- Monday 1st November 2021
- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Friday 22nd July 2022

A Prayer

Dear Father,
We thank you for the beauty we see in the changing seasons.
We thank you for the warmth of the summer sun.
We thank you for our friends and the fun we have with them, especially at this time of year.
Amen

Parent Governor Result

Many thanks to all who participated in the recent election of a Parent Governor. The result was as follows:

Laura Bryan: 37 votes
Helen Campbell: 45 votes.

Therefore, congratulations to Helen Campbell who is duly elected as a Parent Governor and will serve a four-year term from July 2021 until July 2025.

Site Safety – Before and After School

The school site is small for the number of pupils we have and it is important to consider the safety of all users at all times. Please ensure that bicycles and scooters are not ridden anywhere on the site (both children and parents). For this purpose, the boundary of the site is where Frederick Road and Lodge Hill Road meet both pedestrian gateways and the top of the driveway on the Lodge Hill side.

We also ask that children do not use the climbing equipment we have on site, this is for use during the school day only, and do not climb on railings, fences or any other areas. Many thanks for your support.

Important Dates

Tuesday 15 th June	Class Photographs
Monday 21 st June – Wednesday 23 rd June	Y6 Viney Hill residential trip
Monday 28 th June – Wednesday 30 June	Y6 Viney Hill residential trip
Friday 16 th July	Annual Pupil Reports Issued
Wednesday 21 st July	Last day of summer term
Thursday 22 nd July	School closed for summer holidays
Monday 6 th September	School re-opens to pupils

The following are **PROVISIONAL** dates only and will take place if restrictions at the time allow. These have been provided to help with diary arrangements and are not confirmed. If they are able to go ahead, we will let you know as soon as we are able to.

Friday 16th July (2.00 to 3.00): Year 6 Leavers' Performance
Monday 19th July (9.30 to 11.30): Sports Day - Years 3 to 6
Tuesday 20th July (9.30 to 11.30): Sports Day – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 20th July (2.00 to 3.00): Year 6 Leavers' Service (in Church)

