

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

*As this school year comes to an end, I look back over the amazing activities that the children have been involved in, how well they have progressed and all of the lessons they have learnt.*

*I am very proud of all of the children and the staff who have worked so hard and achieved so much. The school has continued to go from strength to strength and outcomes for pupils throughout school have risen. We are really pleased with our data outcomes and will post these figures on our website once the national comparator has been released. Thank you to all of those parents who have supported the school - attending events, giving us feedback and working in partnership with us.*

*I hope you all have a safe and happy summer break and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September to enjoy the new outdoor areas, our new curriculum themes and to settle into your new classes. We have lots of great ideas to make our school even better as we move into next year and I look forward to sharing these with you when we return.*

*May God keep you safe and well throughout the summer break.*

Mrs S. Shaw

## NEWS

### Farewell to those who are leaving us

On behalf of the school, I would like to say farewell to those staff members who are leaving the school today. Miss Dickens, Miss Seymour, Mrs Harrison and Miss Roe have all been brilliant in their time with us and, although we are sad to see them leave, we wish them well with the exciting adventures they have ahead of them and we plan to stay in touch with them in future.

### Sports Day

We had a fantastic day at Harvey Hadden last Friday where all children participated in our annual Sports Day. It was a brilliant event which saw children from Nursery to Year 4 competing in a range of sporting activities where everybody demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. Over the course of the day, all children worked towards collecting points for their colour team and displayed great teamwork in order to accumulate as many team points as possible. Our 2018 Sports Day winners were **RED TEAM!** Congratulations and well done to everyone for contributing towards a fantastic sports day. Thank you to all of those families who attended and cheered on and encouraged the children; your presence really helped create a wonderful atmosphere.

### Year 2 Conkers Trip

Year 2 had a great time on their end of year trip to Conkers. They went through the Barefoot Walk, completed the mazes and enjoyed all the special effects in the 4D cinema! They also rode the train and used up lots of energy on the exciting playparks. All of the children behaved brilliantly and were real representatives for our school.

### Year 3 & 4 Think Tank Trip

Year 3 and 4 visited the Think Tank museum in Birmingham on Wednesday. They had a lovely time learning all about Science and having a go at the 'hands-on' activities and workshops - they showed a real enthusiasm and worked well as a team on the challenges and experiments.

### Starting back in September

All children in Years 1-5 will return to school on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**

Children who are moving from Nursery to Foundation will also return to school on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**

Children who are new to the school and are joining the Peacocks and Flamingos classes will attend part time on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September (Arrive at 11am. Pick up at 2:45) and then begin full time from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

The new nursery children will start attending part time after their home visit from 11<sup>th</sup> September and begin full time from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

### BPF Summer Fair

The BPF managed to raise an amazing £505.85 from the summer fair. Thank you to all the parents that helped and came along to support the event. It was a real success.

### School Swimming Lessons - Yrs. 3 & 4

Letters will be coming out with children tonight regarding swimming lessons. Lessons will start for Owls, Eagles and Parrots classes' week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> September (2<sup>nd</sup> week back after the summer holidays).

## REMINDERS:

### Planned works for the Summer Holiday

When the school closes for the summer break, the site will be a very busy place with a number of large scales projects being undertaken around the building and site. There will be some work to correct defaults in the building and to improve some of the areas inside but, far more excitingly, we are really pleased that we can finally create some amazing outdoor learning and play spaces for the children to return to in September. There are two projects that will be undertaken:

1) The grass at the side of the Key Stage 1 and 2 playgrounds will be given a soft surface with climbing equipment and a trim trail on for the children to develop their balance and agility skills. There will also be a range of colourful playground markings added to enable the children to play a range of games, along with a shaded seating area for those children who want a break from running around. These spaces will be used to enhance our PE and outdoor learning in lessons as well as being lots of fun during playtimes.

2) The Early Years playground will also be given a 'facelift' which will include a nature area, sand hut, pebble beach water play and lots more.

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The designs for these projects have been posted on our website in the Latest News Section. We hope to keep you up-to-date with the progress of these projects via Twitter and Facebook during the summer holiday.

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