

NEWSLETTER



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Article 28

Every child has the right to an education

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

This term has got off to a great start with children looking very smart. Thank you! Could you please continue to ensure that ties are worn. Ties are still available from the school office at £3.00 each.

Can we also politely remind you to label all items so we can quickly reunite children with their lost property. This also applies to coats as the weather is so unpredictable and they are frequently left on the playground.

Monday 4th October is the Home & School Association AGM. This will be held at 6pm in the staffroom. If you would like to come along, a coffee and a warm welcome are guaranteed.

As per our newsletter last week, we are now accepting donations for the Black Country Food Bank. Could we please check best before dates & send items in by Monday 9th October. Thank you to everyone who has sent items in. I am sure they will be very grateful for your support—even one tin of beans can make a difference!

Praise Awards

Children who gained badges and certificates in Praise assembly deserve our special congratulations:

W/C 25/09/2023

Key Stage One

RR Foxes Isla Rae RT Hedgehogs Ariannah 1/2B Squirrels Rasan 1/2D Moles Layla 2W Badgers Jacob

Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder Chloe
3/4R Oak Isla
4D Chestnut Oscar
5E Beech Rocky
5/6H Holly Cory
6RB Rowan Bora

Free School Meal Application

If you get any of the following support payments your child may be entitled to receive free school meals:

- * Income Support
- *Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- *Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 the guaranteed element of State
- * Pension Credit
- * Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- * Working Tax Credit Run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- *Universal Credit (you must have less than £616.67 a month net earned income (after tax - and not including any benefits)
- *Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also allowed to receive free school meals.

If your child receives UNIVERSAL Free School Meals (KS1) but you are eligible for general Free School Meals, as detailed above, please apply as this helps our school budget.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Would you like to join our friendly team? We are looking to appoint TWO lunchtime supervisors on a permanent basis.

Details of the job can be found at:

https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/ job/173313/supervisory-assistant/

Applications must be made online via WM Jobs.

Closing date is Wednesday 11th October. However, please note we do reserve the right to close the vacancy earlier.

Menu WC 02.10.23 (Week 2)

Monday

Salmon Bites
Vegan Sausage Roll
Herby diced potatoes, Spaghetti
hoops & mixed veg
Iced sprinkle sponge

Tuesday

Spaghetti Bolognaise Macaroni Cheese Battered fish Saute potatoes, sweetcorn & peas Fruit muffin & custard

Wednesday

Traditional roast chicken
Halal chicken
Quorn chicken fillet
Fish goujons
Roast & boiled potatoes, broccoli &
mixed veg
Shortcake biscuit & custard

Thursday

BBQ Chicken wrap
Halal BBQ chicken wrap
Cheese & onion lattice
Fish bites
Potato wedges, baked beans,
sweetcorn & coleslaw.
Chocolate crunch & chocolate sauce

Friday

Cheese and tomato pizza
Fish finger
Chipped potatoes, baked beans &
peas
Mousse & fruit

Available Every Day

Grab bags which contain a sandwich either cheese, tuna or ham filling.
Salad bag. One from a cake, biscuit or yoghurt. Fresh fruit. Water
Jacket Potato with a choice of cheese, beans or cheese and beans.
Fruit jelly, yoghurt

All dinners must be booked through School Money the day before they are needed. Please contact the school office if you are having any issues.

EYFS News

Reception had their first PE lesson which they enjoyed! Please continue to practise dressing at home. Forest School is every Friday so children will need a pair of wellies.

If your child is entitled to a free school meal (when they get to year 3) please apply for it now following the link that will be emailed out. Thank you

TODDLER GROUP

Toddlers Wednesday 9am-11am. KS1 Hall.

We would love to see you there!

KS1 News

This week in Key Stage One we have been finding out about toys from the past. We have looked at some super examples of the sorts of toys children played with over the last 100 years! We have also started to make our moving monsters in Design Technology. The children are trying to make them colourful and interesting, and they will have working linkages. Next week we will be continuing our work on Our School in Geography and adding to the plans of the classroom we have made

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 4th October

Home & School Association A.G.M 6pm

Friday 20th October

Flu Vaccinations Rec - Yr6

Thursday 26th October

HSA Monster Mash (details to follow)

Monday 6th November

School photographs

Tuesday 14th November

Parents Evening

Wednesday 15th November

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2023-2024 INSET Days*

Monday 4th September Monday 8th January 2024 Thursday 2nd May (VOTING) Friday 3rd May Monday 22nd July

*Please note these are PROVISIONAL

RBD News

We have had some excellent news this week - our fabulous Y6 RBD children have been awarded free tickets to go and see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at the Birmingham Hippodrome. This is because, as part of their Personal Understanding of Deafness sessions, they wrote to the theatre and explained how captioned and signed performances were not always shown at appropriate times for children. The Theatre was so impressed they have promised to look into improving their practice in the future and have offered the children the opportunity to go and see the latest version of the show for free! Well done!

Well done to Musah for being such a good role model to all school children – trying hard to work independently and always showing the right attitude towards every aspect of school life.

Community news:

Zebra Access are offering free online Level 1 BSL courses for parents of Deaf children. If you would like further information please email dawn@zebra-access.com

Signed Video:

Sign of the week: **Autumn**. Please follow the link below or look on the Ashwood RBD YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=168POUBt MQ

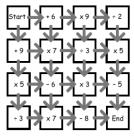


Maths Challenge

Maze

Start with zero.

Find a route from 'Start' to 'End' that totals 100 exactly.



Which route has the highest total?
Which has the lowest total?

Now try some different starting numbers

KS2 News

Our year 5 and 6 children have produced some fantastic pieces of art work this week. They have been focusing on the work of the Austrian artist and architect Friedensreich Hundertwasser. The children have produced some very colourful pieces. Some of our year 3 and 4 children have also been working hard in art lessons. They have been using polystyrene balls to make animal craft puppets. They look amazing!

PE Days

3/4R, 3/4H and 4D - Tuesday and Friday

5/6E and 5/6SB - Monday and Wednesday

6RB - Monday (swimming) and Wednesday (PE)

Your child can come to school in their PE kit on the following days:

Year 3/4 - Tuesday

Year 5/6 - Wednesday

Year 1/2 - Thursday

Now that they weather is colder, the children can wear their PE T-shirt, Ashwood Jumper / cardigan, black joggers and plain black trainers. Please can you support us in this by not allowing your child to wear coloured, branded clothing to school on these days.

TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars are:

★ 1st Freya P
 ★ 2nd Karoline P
 ★ 3rd Kaitlyn G

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FLU VACCINATION CONSENT Friday 20th October

Parents (Rec - Year 6) have been sent an email from the class account with details of the upcoming vaccination programme in school. On the email is a consent form which you MUST complete. If you wish to opt out there is an option for you to

To date—only 191 replies received.

do so on this form.