



Newsletter: Summer Term 2018

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU

A number of sincere and appreciative 'thank yous' for your continued support:

1. Thank you: a staggering £1373.40 was raised following our recent sponsored event when Olympian Triathlete Laura Samuels visited and led the children through a series of circuit training exercises.
2. Thank you: children have returned following the Easter holiday dressed in their summer uniform looking extremely smart. Please ensure polo shirts are emerald in colour to adhere to our school uniform policy. In addition, if your son chooses to wear shorts, may I please ask that grey socks are worn only – as detailed within the policy also. For further information about our uniform guidelines, please access the policy on our school website.
3. Thank you: via this written means I would like to thank all Year 2 children who attended our recent Kingswood residential visit. As always, children were commended for their outstanding behaviour. Thank yous must also be extended to our staff who voluntarily gave their time to enable the visit to take place. Any school visit, whether it be a day visit or an overnight one, brings with it an inordinate amount of responsibility and without staff's commitment, hard work and energy, such visits would not be able to take place. Therefore, gargantuan thanks to Miss Hague, Miss Tomlinson, Mrs. Welsh and Mr. Horton who led the visit and to Miss Golding, Miss Thwaites, Miss Higgott and Mr. Clarkson who, after a day's teaching, drove to Kingswood to support the evening activities and spend the night there before returning early next day to teach.
4. And finally ... to Mrs. Guy who remained at school and planned 2 days of fun, practical activities complementing the experiences as far as possible of those at Kingswood.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 26 th April:	9:00 a.m. Year 1 Assembly
Monday 30 th April:	Year 6 girls' puberty talks
Tuesday 1 st May:	Governors' Open Morning
Wednesday 2 nd May:	Year 4 Wider Opportunity lessons commence
Thursday 3 rd May:	School closed due to local elections
Friday 4 th May:	INSET Day – School closed
Monday 7 th May:	Bank Holiday Monday – School closed
Tuesday 8 th May:	Children's Group Photo – Please ensure children are in correct uniform.
Wednesday 9 th May:	Class RO'D visit to Kingswood
Thursday 10 th May:	Year 3 Class Assembly Year 4 Bikeability Training for selected children
Friday 11 th May:	RH visit to Kingswood
Monday 14 th May:	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 15 th May:	Governors' Finance meeting
Thursday 17 th May:	Year 4 Bikeability Training for selected children Director of Education to visit Oak Meadow
Friday 18 th May:	Year 3 visit to Birmingham Art Gallery and Museum
Monday 21 st May:	Reception Height and Weight checks (Mon – Fri)
Thursday 24 th May:	School Maths Day Year 4 Assembly
Friday 25 th May:	School Closed – INSET Day
Friday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June:	Half Term
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th June:	Year 1 Phonic Screening Checks
Tuesday 12 th June:	10:30 – 11:30 a.m. New Reception children visit Oak Meadow
Thursday 14 th June:	Year 2 Class Assembly
Tuesday 19 th June:	1:45-2:45 p.m. New Reception Children visit Oak Meadow
Friday 22 nd June – Monday 25 th June:	Year 6 PGL Residential Visit
Thursday 28 th June:	Year 5 Class Assembly 10:30-11:45 or 1:45-3:00 Headteacher's Presentation to new Reception parents Full Governing Board meeting
Tuesday 3 rd July:	Whole school Sports Morning

Dates for your Diary continued:

Wednesday 4th / Thursday 5th July: Year 6 induction days – Coppice School of Performing Arts and Moseley Park

Friday 6th July: Year 4 girls' Puberty Talk
Summer Fair 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 11th July: Pupils' afternoon of sports fun

Thursday 12th July: Reception's Class Assembly

Friday 13th July: End of Year Reports to parents / carers

Monday 16th July: 3:00 – 5:30 Parents' / Carers' Open Afternoon

Thursday 19th July: 9:00 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

5:00 – 7:00 Year 6 Leavers' BBQ and Disco

Friday 20th July: End of Summer Term

Attendance News

I am extremely pleased to report that, with your support, we have achieved our highest percentage attendance for many years – moving towards our school target: 96.4%. Excellent news!



Sports Morning

We are changing the way in which we run our sports morning. We invite you to join us on Tuesday 3rd July where all children from Reception to Year 6 will take part in a range of track events. We welcome your support to cheer on our children for each race – commencing at approximately 9:00a.m.

Year 6 SATs

Monday 14th May sees the start of Year 6 SATs. Whilst starting times may vary from day to day, all tests will be in the morning. The timetable is as follows:

Monday: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Tuesday: Reading

Wednesday: Mathematics Arithmetic

Thursday: Mathematics Reasoning Paper

Following the completion of the above tests, children will undertake a number of writing activities before teachers submit their Teacher Assessments to the Local Authority and Department for Education. We anticipate return of test paper results before the end of term for inclusion within End of Year Reports.

Year 6 SAT Breakfast Club

On each of the SAT days, Breakfast Club will run for all Year 6 pupils: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. All Welcome!

Year 6 SATs Club

During the week of Year 6's SATs, a club will run Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. to further support pupils' access to and preparation for the tests.

Mathletics and Bug Club

Further to the reminders on your children's newsletters, please encourage your child/ren to access the software to support their learning. Thank you!



A Plea

We would like to ask for your assistance in encouraging your child/ren to wash their hands. Here at school, we do encourage the washing of hands to prevent the spreading of bacteria. However, despite our pleas and encouragement, children are reluctant to do so. We will endorse the importance of hand washing and seek your support in reinforcing our message. Thank you.

REMINDER – Clothing Bank

Please remember our on-site clothing bank – situated at the top of the school drive by the MUGA. All clothes/ material donated goes to support the amazing services of the children Air Ambulance Services.



Good News

As a local authority maintained school, we work collaboratively with officers and, in our pursuit of excellence in all aspects of school life, we welcome their inspection and auditing of our school. Last term, our safeguarding procedures were audited and we were informed that all our safeguarding is effective and robust. We also welcomed a health and safety inspection and school governance audit both of which were given the highest rating. Thanks must be extended to all staff and governors associated with each of these areas: excellent outcomes for Oak Meadow!

