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Diary Dates

| 2019-2020 - Autumn 1 st Half Term | |
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| Please note – further details for some of these activities will follow nearer the time. | |
| Thursday 26 th September | MacMillan Coffee morning and bake off (see later) |
| Wednesday 2 nd October | Parents' Evening |
| Tuesday 8 th October | Year 3 trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery (3K) |
| Wednesday 9 th October | Year 3 trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery (3M) |
| Wednesday 9 th October | Vet to visit Reception and Year 1 |
| Wednesday 9 th October | Year 5 and Year 6 – Drug Awareness Workshops |
| Monday 14 th October | Y6 Trip to The Galleries of Justice |
| Monday 14 th October | Police in to visit Reception |
| Tuesday 15 th October | Possible General Election – School may be closed! |
| Wednesday 16 th October | Fire Service in to visit Reception |
| Wednesday 16 th October | Parent Update Meeting with Mr. Guest (Head Teacher) |
| Thursday 17 th October | Y5 Trip to The Botanical Gardens |
| Thursday 17 th October | Year 1 at Wildlife conservation park |
| Thursday 17 th October | Y2 sleepover |
| Thursday 17 th October | McMillan Coffee morning |
| Monday 21 st October | Individual School Photos incl. siblings & families |
| Monday 21 st October – Pumpkin week | 21st – 23 rd October: Pumpkins on sale after school Wednesday 23 rd October, 3.15pm: Pumpkin carving after school Thursday 24 th October, 3.15pm : Pumpkin Exhibition and activities |
| 2019 -2020 - TERM DATES | |
| Autumn Term 2019 | Term Starts: Tuesday 3 September 2019 Half Term: Monday 28 October 2019 to Friday 1 November 2019 Term Ends: Friday 20 December 2019 |
| Spring Term 2020 | Term Starts: Tuesday 7 January 2020 Half Term: Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020 Term Ends: Friday 3 April 2020 |
| Summer Term 2020 | Term Starts: Tuesday 21 April 2020 Half Term: Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020 Term Ends: Friday 17 July 2020 |
| Staff Training Days: Closed to Pupils | <i>Monday 2nd September 2019; Monday 9th September 2019 Monday 6th January 2020; Monday 20th April 2020 Monday 20th July 2020</i> |
| Other closure days | <i>Early May Bank holiday – Friday 8th May 2020 West Midlands Mayor Elections: Thursday 7th May 2020</i> |

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Kids Area

Children's Work (5C and 6HC)

Each newsletter we will hear from different classes about what they have been learning about.

This week we have work from 6CH and 5C

5C: In our Science lesson this week, 5C have been looking at the water cycle. We used some sandwich bags to create the water cycle in our classroom and were able to make observations of different stages in the process.

We also received a fantastic piece of homework linked to our current topic - The Americas - Miss Connolly is looking forward to seeing what other amazing creations are brought in over the coming weeks.



6HC: As part of poetry week, Sameeah in Year 6 wrote this super poem about a summer holiday.

My Summer Holiday

By Sameeah 6HC

Week one and two.... was friends, fashion and fun!
We sipped fruit cocktails and lay in the sun,
We walked through the runway....
And ended up in area 51!
It took a while to get out,
My lips had turned into a funny pout,
I needed water,
So we asked the farmer's daughter
Which didn't turn out....

Week three and four was.... A bit weird
I was in the park
When I heard a silly bark,
I looked around then saw Donald Trump!
He had a pink beard, he looked like a shrimp!

Week five was.... Nice
I ate honey chicken with rice,
It tasted alright....
But in my sight....
I saw Boris Johnson in magenta tights!

Week six was.... A bit of a mix
My mood was on a swing,
I thought I was going crazy,
I couldn't stop picking daisies,
Turning them into chains....
I'm seriously losing my brains!
School was starting next week....
I was turning into a freak!!!

Week seven came....
I had to go to school,
THIS ISN'T COOL!
Why am I such a fool?! :[

Staff Handwriting Training

On Monday last week you had a day off school. This was to allow the staff to learn more about how to help you have super handwriting and presentation in your work. Your teachers and teaching assistants had to work very hard learning how to accurately write each letter and then later on how to join these together. We found it really interesting and have already enjoyed sharing our learning with you and helping you to have awesome handwriting.

District Football Team News

Congratulations to some of our children who have been selected to play for the ***East Birmingham District football team***. They have already played their first game for the team and we look forward to following the team's progress this season.



THESE WILDCATS HAVE FUN

Have fun. Make friends. Play football.
Sign up now at TheFA.com/SSEWildcats

Centre Name: KingsburySchool Sports Partnership
Date & Time: Saturdays, 10-11am, starting 11th May
Location: Erdington Academy, Kingsbury Road, B24 8RD

How To Book: Sign up at TheFA.com/SSEWildcats
First 2 weeks are FREE then £2 a session
GIRLS ONLY

Any queries, contact Alison Mapp on 07766922255

 

THE FA GIRLS' FOOTBALL CENTRES

If you would like to develop your football skills we have our school football clubs and teams who train each week, or you can find a local club.

Here is one that is starting locally and will be run by Miss McWalter and the Kingsbury sports coaches.

Staffing News

We are sad to say that Mrs. Adebisi (learning mentor) will be leaving Colebourne on Thursday 26th September to start a new role in another school. We wish her all the very best and thank her for the work she has done with the children and families.

We are pleased to announce that we have a lovely new learning mentor who will start with us soon – details to follow.

Welcome to our Reception and Nursery Children

Our Nursery and Reception children have settled in so well. It is lovely to see so many of them making new friends and enjoying the super learning environment and equipment we have for them.

Reception have started dinners too and have been amazing!



McMillan Coffee Morning and Bake off - Thursday 26th September

MACMILLAN

COLEBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL MACMILLAN COFFEE



MORNING

Where: School Hall, Stechford Road, Hodge Hill.

When: Thursday 26th September

9:00 – 10:00am

- Cakes
 - Biscuits
 - Light refreshments
- DONATION ON THE DAY**

**EVERYBODY WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND.
BRING A NEIGHBOUR.**

On **Thursday 26th September, 9am-10am**, we will have our annual Bake Off and Cake Sale Coffee morning in aid of MacMillan.

Please bake or buy some cakes to send in and come along to support this coffee morning – bring along a neighbour, friend or family.

To ensure this event is successful we would be very grateful for donations of cakes. Homemade cakes (preferably cupcakes,) made by you and/or your children are particularly welcome as not only are they delicious, but 'making a cake' is also one of Colebourne's 50 Things.

Also, as in previous years we are also having our **Bake Off competition**.

BAKE OFF



If you would like to enter our **Great Colebourne Bake Off** (adults only) you will need to **bake six iced/decorated identical cupcakes**. All entries will need to be submitted to the school hall by 8.45am on Thursday 26th September, clearly labelled with your name and a contact phone number, ready for judging at 9.30, with this year's winner being announced during our coffee morning.

All donations of cakes will be gratefully received but please **NO NUTS** due to allergies.

Parents' Notice Board

Drop off and Pick up expectations

Just a polite reminder about being on time to drop off your children and collect children at the end of the school session/day. The expectation is that parents / carers are at the collection points ready to greet their children as they come out. The end times of classes are below:

| | Start times | End times |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Nursery AM | 8.30am-8.50am | 11.30am (doors open from 11.25am) |
| Nursery PM | 12.25pm | 3.10pm-3.25pm |
| Nursery 30hrs | 8.30am-8.50am | 3.10pm-3.25pm |
| Reception | 8.40am-8.50am | 3.15pm (doors open from 3.10pm) |
| Years 1-6 | 8.40am-8.50am | 3.15pm |
| Fridays (Rec – Y6) | As above | 12.30pm 3.15pm (Friday Club) |

Please remember we do have an after school club that is available. This is a charged provision and charges apply from 3.15pm-5.30pm.

PLEASE NOTE:

WE CLOSE THE PLAYGROUND GATE SHORTLY AFTER PICKUP TIME SO PLEASE DO NOT LINGER ON THE PLAYGROUND USING THE PLAY EQUIPMENT. THE CLIMBING FRAMES ARE NOT DESIGNED FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN SO WE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU DO NOT ALLOW YOUR YOUNGER CHILDREN TO USE THESE.

Uniform expectations

There are some children that have started week two with incorrect uniform. Please take note of the below uniform expectations; please take particular note of the school footwear expectations.

If you are having any difficulties with any aspect of this please do come and see us.

Top half

White polo shirt

Navy blue jumper or cardigan

Bottom half

Black or grey trousers

Black or grey skirt

Black or grey school shorts

Nursery only: black or grey leggings, jogging bottoms

Black, grey or white socks

Other

Grey or black pinafore dress

Navy blue gingham dress

Shoes

Black shoes (no trainers)

Head Scarves (if worn)

Navy blue or Black

Hair Accessories

Head Bands / bobbles / scrunches

Small accessories only.

Please no large bows, headbands with ears etc.

Secondary School Open Days

Children in Year 6 need to apply for a secondary school place this term. Many of the local schools have open evenings over the next few weeks and we would encourage parents and children to attend these to help you decide which ones to apply for. **Local open Evenings are as follows:**

Hodge Hill Girls:

~~Monday 9th September, 4.30pm – 7pm~~

<https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/>

Hodge Hill College

Ring school for details

<https://www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/>

Washwood Heath Academy

Wednesday 25th September, 4pm – 6pm

<http://washwood.academy/>

Tile Cross Academy

Open Mornings: 23rd to 27th September from 9.15am

Please phone and book an appointment

<http://tilecross.academy/>

Park Hall Academy

~~Open Evening Monday 16th September 6pm – 8pm~~

Open mornings Monday September 23rd and Tuesday September 24th

9.30am

Open afternoon Wednesday September 25th 2.15pm

<https://www.parkhallschool.org.uk/>

Rockwood Academy

Ring school for details

<https://www.rockwood-academy.co.uk/>

Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst

Ring school for details

<https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/>

Head Lice and Nit advice



Taken and adapted from:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.

Check if it's head lice - Head lice are small insects, up to 3mm long

They can be difficult to spot in your hair. Head lice eggs (nits) are brown or white (empty shells) and attached to the hair.

Head lice can make your head feel:

- itchy
- like something is moving in your hair

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice. You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (**detection comb**). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.

How to get rid of head lice

Important: You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

- Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.
- You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.
- There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing: Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing using a detection comb. You should try this method first.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays: Ask a pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 17 days, but your child still has live head lice.

They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp

Please note: There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice.

You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early.

There's no need for children to stay off school or to wash laundry on a hot wash.

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