

Dates for your Diary

MARCH

16th Swimming Gala 1pm
Walsall Pool

29th Reception Mothering
Sunday Assembly
9am

APRIL

3rd Y5 Assembly 9am

5th Violin Assembly
10am

12th Break up for Easter
29th School reopens to
pupils

MAY

13th SATs Week

17th Y5 to B

24th Break up for half
term

JUNE

3rd School reopens to
children

4th Y1 Assembly

7th Y6 Residential Visit

28th Sports Day

JULY

5th Reserve Sports Day

19th Break up for summer

Please amend your blue date card—There are NO Birmingham elections on 2nd May, it is therefore a normal school day.

Closures

6th May Bank Holiday
22nd July Training Day

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Word of the
Month

Prestigious

Diorama Prize Winners

Last week many of the children brought their amazing dioramas into school. Being able to share the stories they had recreated was such a lovely way to celebrate World Book Day and we were blown away by the standard of them. The School Council were also really impressed with the entries right across the school and they found it particularly hard to choose the winners in their role as judges. From the children's votes, two winners were identified from each class. This week they received a prize and showed their dioramas in an assembly. These wonderful designs are now on display in our school library. As the standard was so high and to recognise the effort put into all of their creations, every child who brought in a story box received a prize. Well done to all the children who took part and congratulations to the winners who were:

YR - Shaan, Jake, Jenson & Harriet
Y1 - Kalyani, Quinn, Millie & Thomas
Y2— Sophia, Brooke, Ipsita & Amara
Y3—Bradley, Charlie, Jacob & Avneet
Y4—JJ, Connie, Robbie, William & Rowan
Y5—Bethany, Sian, Anjali & Eaden
Y6— Jack, Matilda, Katie & Joe



Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to this excellent cause, the children looked wonderful in their red tops and 'splashes of red!' Also thank you to everyone who donated cakes for the cake sale. We raised the amazing total of £490! Since the last Red Nose Day your money has helped—

5,076 homeless people in the UK to find safe accommodation and access services.

287,243 people living in urban slums in some of the world's poorest communities.

185,181 people have better access to water and sanitation.



Reminders

We are very keen to maintain our high standards in school uniform. May I remind you that children should wear black school shoes and not trainers or boots. Nail varnish and jewellery should not be worn, but watches are permitted. Please also avoid large decorative hairbands.

We are trying to encourage our children to take responsibility for looking after their belongings as school uniform is expensive and we want to ensure if items are misplaced, they can be returned easily. We have a constant high volume of lost property and to help this problem we are asking that all uniform is clearly labelled, including jumpers, cardigans, coats, shoes, bags, PE kit and lunch bottles. Thank you.

This Week's Headlines

URGENT REQUEST—Please note that children should NOT be left on the playground before 8.45am as no staff are on duty until this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Governor— The closing date for voting in the Parent Governor election is 5pm on Tuesday 19th March. The ballot box is situated in the school reception area.

King Edward's School Open Morning

On Saturday 30th March from 10am-12.30pm an open morning will take place at King Edward's School. Pamphlets and more information about the event are available at the school office

Uniform Grant— Application forms are now available for a school uniform grant from Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust for next academic year. Full details of eligibility and forms are available on request from the school office.

Swimming Gala — Good luck to all our swimmers taking part in the Swimming Gala Final at Walsall Baths on Saturday 16th March at 1.00pm. We look forward to hearing about this next week.

Menu for Next Week

In addition, there is a salad / fruit bar and crusty bread available. Please note that the choices may vary slightly due to circumstances beyond our control. Every week we add taster pots and additional items to the menu to encourage children to try different foods.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bolognaise Chicken fillets Fish fingers Cheese pasty Jacket potato *	Chicken pie Chicken fillets Fish fingers Cheese pasta Jacket potato *	Chicken Curry Fish crunch Pizza Jacket potatoes *	Roast chicken Fish fingers Cheese flan Baguettes / wraps Jacket potatoes *	Pork sausage Veg sausage Chicken fillets Fish fingers Lemon sole grill Jacket potato *
Sweetcorn Mixed veg Baked beans *	Carrots Sweetcorn Baked beans *	Sweetcorn Peas Baked beans *	Carrots Broccoli Baked beans *	Sweetcorn Broccoli Baked beans *
Spaghetti Garlic bread *	Pasta New potatoes *	Rice New potatoes *	Mashed potato Roast potatoes *	Pasta Mashed potato *
Flapjack Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Iced sponge Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Apple crumble Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Muffins Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Rice pudding Yoghurt Fresh fruit

This Week's Awards

This week the following awards were presented in Celebration Assembly:

Lunchtime Award— 2CH & 6EW
Classroom Awards— RKS & 5AL
Winning House— Livingstone 219 points
Attendance— RMF, 2AW & 3SA 100%
Overall Attendance—97.71%
Annual Attendance Target—97%
Respect Award— RKS & 4TV

Congratulations to the following children who received awards in Celebration Assembly— Hamdan YR, Joseph 1JS, Sophia Y2, Rose Y3, Megan Y4, Benaiyah Y5 & Diyana Y6.

E-Safety Tip of the Week

More children are accessing technology and the internet at a younger age than ever before. Recent Ofcom research shows that children aged 5 - 7 spend on average 1 hour 12 minutes online on a school day and 1 hours 54 minutes per day at weekends. This week, CEOP have released "Jessie & Friends" a series of three animations that follow the adventures of Jessie, Tia and Mo as they begin to navigate the online world, watching videos, sharing pictures and playing games. The animations are designed to help 4-7 year olds knowledge, skills and confidence helping them to respond safely to risks they may encounter online. www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/

Sports Report



On Wednesday, a team of Year 4 boys attended the Aston Villa Academy for a football tournament. Mr Viollet was so impressed with their effort, determination and the quality of their play which resulted in them winning the competition with an unbeaten record! Well done boys, we are so proud of you!

Yesterday a team of Y5/Y6 boys played a football match at home against Wylde Green. They impressed with their effort and teamwork but unfortunately were not able to win against strong opposition.

School Improvement Plan

Below is an outline of the core objectives for our School Improvement Plan 2018-2019. The SIP is an integral part of how we drive school improvement, values and principles across the school based on the views of parents, children, staff and Governors. It is a shared SIP across the LTE. Each year the objectives are generated based on a review of the strengths and weaknesses of our school. As a result we have focused on six key objectives. These are:

1. To ensure that the safeguarding and wellbeing of all underpins the work of the school
2. To enhance teaching and learning opportunities in the EYFS through developing, refining and embedding a mastery curriculum
3. To further raise standards in English so that all pupils, including pupil premium pupils, are most appropriately challenged and make at least good progress in all key areas: reading, writing and SPAG
4. To further develop, refine and embed a consistent approach to the teaching and assessment of mastery of maths
5. To further develop, refine and embed a consistent approach to the teaching and assessment of the curriculum

Over the coming weeks we will be sharing a summary of the actions and impact of strategies we have taken in relation to each key objective. This week we are focusing on sharing our work so far on **Objective 3, English**.

- Talk for Reading training for all staff has been organised and delivered across the Trust
- All leaders have attended the Tony Whatmuff reading training – making the invisible visible
- Leaders have developed new Reading Owls which will be shared with staff before half term. These have incorporated questions based on the 6 key types of comprehension questions asked in a text; skills shared from training with Tony Whatmuff and also links with the different domains for the end of key stage expectations
- A classics week has been planned for the Trust, in conjunction with World Book Day, to embed the use of classical texts
- Teaching of reading in KS1 has been reviewed to ensure each reading session focuses on a particular reading skill eg decoding, comprehension, prosody (expression)
- New books have been purchased to ensure they are appropriate for different skills being taught
- Training on use of vocabulary has been shared across the LTE and children are now using academic vocabulary in their writing. Vocabulary is also taught and developed as part of science and topic lessons.. Vocabulary grids are shared with children at the beginning of each new topic.
- Talk for writing training has taken place in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and has been implemented.