

Dates for your Diary

APRIL

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
5th Y3 Museum of Canock Chase
6th Y3 Museum of Canock Chase
7th Y6 Residential Visit
19th Y1 Assembly
21st Midsummer Party
28th Sports Day

JULY

5th Reserve Sports Day
19th Break up for summer

School Discos

Thursday 11th

April

KS1 6-7pm

KS2 7.15-8.30pm

Entrance £2

Closures

6th May Bank Holiday
22nd July Training Day

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Word of the
Month

Prestigious



Y5 Assembly

On Wednesday morning Year 5 children treated their parents to a wonderful assembly. The theme was classic literature and the children told us about the life and work of the classic author Hillaire Belloc. They acted out three of Hillaire's cautionary tales, giving us an insight into how children were viewed in Victorian times. In addition they impressed

us with poems they had written in the style of a cautionary tale, complete with rhyming couplets and formal language. Their illustrations in the style of Blackwood, who illustrated Hillaire's work, were fantastic. In the autumn term the children studied 'A Christmas Carol', and also the poem 'The Highwayman'. Both of these are challenging texts and it has been a delight to see their enthusiasm for reading the classics and their writing in response to them, with some superb academic vocabulary woven in. Our thanks go to staff for all their hard work and parents for joining us. Well done Y5, we are really proud of you. Place your mobile device over the QR code to see a clip.



Coffee Morning & Easter Competition

This morning FoLSS held a coffee morning in aid of our school fund and it was lovely to see so many parents in school. There was also an opportunity for parents to view the wonderful entries for the decorated egg competition. The eggs were amazing, with some really creative ideas. Thank you to all the children who entered and to parents for supporting the event. Year group prize winners were as follows—Lola, YR, Freddie Y1, Milo Y2, Elliot Y3, Eloise Y4, Jacob Y5 & Matilda Y6. Overall KS1 prize winners were—Willow 1st, Jenson 2nd, Varun 3rd, Matthew 4th. KS2 winners were—Abigail 1st, Ollie-James 2nd, Lonan 3rd & Sidney 4th. Well done to all entrants!



Saxophonist Visit

We welcomed a very special guest this week, Amy Dickson, internationally acclaimed classical saxophonist. Amongst her accolades she was the first ever saxophone player to win a Classic Brit Award as Breakthrough Artist of the Year 2013. She is known for her remarkable, distinctive tone and exceptional musicality. Amy's Take a Breath Workshops and Take a Breath Concerts help equip young children with the tools to recognise stress and anxiety and build resilience by using a simple relaxed breathing technique. She has delivered these workshops at both Moor Hall and Little Sutton. Both schools have a strong tradition of high engagement with music and the opportunity for children to work with an exceedingly high calibre performer in this way is exciting. We used funding from Sutton Coldfield Town Council to facilitate these special workshops that develop links between the arts, culture and well-being. Our thanks go to Amy for a fantastic day. For more information see her website and Take a Breath Programme at <https://www.amydickson.com/>



This Week's Headlines

Car parking—There has been some particularly inconsiderate driving / parking outside school this week. May I remind you that there should be **no parking or stopping on the zig zags, on corners, on the pavement or across our neighbours drives**. We are concerned about the safety of our children. Today we had a police presence and this will continue over the coming weeks. Tickets will be issued. Thank you to the majority of parents who park and drive considerately.

Black Country Museum— A reminder that Y2 will be visiting the Black Country Museum on Tuesday 9th April. They need to wear school uniform and a waterproof coat. A packed lunch will be provided unless parents have chosen to supply their own. We look forward to hearing all about the trip in next week's newsletter.

Litter Pick—Next week we will be taking part in the Daily Mail national litter pick. The children will be collecting litter in the school grounds and surrounding areas, with Year 5 travelling to Sutton Park.

Nursery Open Evening—This will take place on Tuesday 9th April from 5pm—7pm. The Harvestfields 0-3 Unit will hold their open evening on Thursday 11th April 5pm—7pm. Contact the nursery on 323 4975 or email Littlesuttonnursery@live.co.uk for more details.

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
Chicken Curry Haddock grill Pizza Jacket potato * Sweetcorn Peas Baked beans * Rice New potatoes * Flapjack Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Chicken pie Chicken fillets Fish fingers Cheese pasta Jacket potato * Carrots Sweetcorn Baked beans * Pasta New potatoes * Iced sponge Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Lasagne Veg lasagne Chicken fillets Fish fingers Cheese pasties Jacket potato * Sweetcorn Green beans Baked beans * Spaghetti Garlic bread * Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Roast chicken Fish fingers Cheese flan Baguettes / wraps Jacket potato * Carrots Broccoli Baked beans * Mashed potato Roast potatoes * Shortbread Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Chicken drumsticks Pork sausage Veg sausage Chicken fillets Fish fingers Lemon sole grill Jacket potato * Sweetcorn Broccoli Baked beans * Pasta Mashed potato * Rice pudding Yoghurt Fresh fruit

This Week's Awards

This week the following awards were presented in Celebration Assembly:

Lunchtime Award— RKS & 3SA
Classroom Awards— 1JS & 4TV
Winning House— Scott with 544 points
Attendance— 3LB with 99.68%
Overall Attendance— 97.65%
Annual Attendance Target— 97%
Respect Award— 1JS & 4SA

Congratulations to the following children who received awards in Celebration Assembly— Leo YR, Freya Y1, Oliver Y2, Ava Y3, Aaryn Y4, Jayden Y5 & Ted Y6.

E-Safety Tip of the Week

Spoofing is falsifying the origin of a communication in order to mislead the recipient. It can apply to emails, phone calls, or websites and can be used to gain access to personal information, steal passwords, money or spread malware and infect devices. Always check the origin of communications are from a genuine source and check for spelling mistakes or poor grammar as an indicator.



Sports Report

On Tuesday evening, 19 Year 2 pupils represented the school at the Sutton Coldfield KS1 Athletics Finals. For many of these children, it was the first time they had represented the school at such a large event; there were seven schools participating in total. However, the pupils overcame any nerves and approached the competition with exceptional enthusiasm, teamwork and resilience. Ultimately, the boys finished in 2nd place and the girls finished first, which resulted in first position overall. Mr Storer and Mr Williams were absolutely overwhelmed by the performance of every single child. Well done Year 2, we are so proud of you!

Violin Assembly

Our Year 4 children have been learning the violin in class since September, and today they showcased their talents in an assembly for their parents. Also performing were children from the other year groups who have violin lessons in school. Some of the pieces the children performed included Pachelbel's Canon, Party Piece and Ode to Joy. It was wonderful to see the confidence with which the children played, especially as for most, it was the first time they had done so in front of an audience. Thank you to the children for their hard work and to Mr Murphy our violin teacher for preparing the children so well. Thank you also to parents for coming along to support the children.



School Improvement Plan

Key Objective: To enhance teaching and learning opportunities in the EYFS through developing, refining and embedding a mastery curriculum

Progress to date includes—

- LTE Headteachers have visited other outstanding early years provision to gather information on effective practice
- Children are now taught in groups of 15 for maths when it suits specific topics/lessons. Some areas lend themselves more to whole class teaching than others, so there is flexibility with this to suit the teaching/learning taking place.
- Talk for Writing is now implemented and this is consistent across the school.
- There has been a review of the organisation of reading in Reception. This includes the implementation of reading groups with an adult 3 times a week and the identification of books to read to the class over the year.
- Specific vocabulary teaching 3-5 words a week is now embedded in lessons and children are now using academic vocabulary in their writing.
- There have been termly Early Years trust meetings to share updates and reflect on practice to strive for outstanding provision in EYFS.
- Implementation of internal tracking system - Insight is used to support with tracking EYFS data.