

West Heath Primary Newsletter

March 2024

Respect Collaboration Honesty Empathy Excellence Resilience

Dear parents/carers,

What better way to end last week, than celebrating **World Book Day** in school and in our pyjamas too! The children enjoyed different teachers visiting their classrooms to read to them in the 'Reading Relay'. Classes also had the opportunity to join with others to share their books.

World Book Day Story Boxes

Thank you to everyone who entered our competition. The entries have been thoroughly enjoyed by all. We hope you enjoyed viewing them around school on Parents' Evening. Please also see the PING sent from Mrs Fay. It was a tricky task to choose the winners. 😊

Congratulations and Good Luck to...

- the Year 5 & 6 Athletics Team, who have qualified for the Level 3 All Birmingham Indoor Athletics Finals
- the Year 5 & 6 Girl's Football Team, who won and qualified for the next round of the school cup
- the dance team, who are dancing at the Hippodrome this week

Thank you to parents for supporting all sports events on site.

Wider Curriculum Opportunities

The children have experienced many wider curriculum experiences again this term. They may have told you all about some of these, including: Chickenwired Visiting Artist, VR Experience, Birmingham Royal Ballet, Rocksteady Musician, Birmingham Mobile Library, BCFC Scholar Reading Buddies and Football Coaching, Sporting Fixtures and Festivals, Birmingham Rockets Basketball Coaching, Drumba, Farm Trips and Living Eggs. There are many more planned for the summer term! Please check the calendar on the newsletter, school website and School PING to keep up to date about up and coming events for your child's class and year group.

Breakfast Club

Parents dropping off children for Breakfast Club, please park on the left-hand side of the car park, so you do not block staff from parking.

Traffic on Rednal Road

Please note that there have been two near misses on the Rednal Road slip road during the morning drop off. Parents need to be mindful of speed, parking and have an awareness of what is going on around them.

Passport to Success

Passports will be checked by SLT on Monday 18th March to prepare for the Passport Parties that are due to take place next Friday. Please complete the parent comment for Spring 2; the children enjoy reading your comments and we appreciate your feedback.

Lates

Any children arriving late will be given a strike. If they have more than five strikes including late strikes in a term they will not be allowed to go to the passport party. Passport party is the last day of every term.

Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns,
you can report them to our
Designated Safeguarding Leads
(DSLs)
Mr Taylor-Bryant
Mrs Hooper
Mrs Foster
Mrs Clews

Residents' Property

We have had a number of complaints about residents' property being damaged or children messing with cars. Please respect the residents' property when leaving the school site and please take responsibility for your children.

Books

Do you have any unwanted children's chapter books? We are always looking to refresh our current stock of reading books and would be delighted to take donations of new or nearly-new books to add to our collection. Please send these to Mrs Fay. A huge thank you to the children and families who have already donated a fabulous selection of books to school recently.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in school from Wednesday 13th - Monday 18th March . You will be able to visit the Bookfair in the dining hall before school each morning 8.30am - 8.50am. You will also be able to visit during Parents Evenings along with after school on Friday 15th and Monday 18th March between 3:00pm and 3.15pm and this will be in Class 15, at the rear of the building, along from the Year 2 classes. Further information can be found on PING. We look forward to seeing you there.

Summer Term Extra-Curricular After School Clubs

The clubs information for the summer term will be sent to parents via School PING as normal. Please note, the cost for Summer term clubs will be £2 per club per week.

School Meals

From September, the cost of school meals are increasing to £2.50.

EYFS and Year 1

It has been great to see so many parents taking part in Stay and Play sessions. Spending quality time with your children is invaluable.

A big **THANK YOU** to all of those who attended the Early Years and Year 1 Ready, Steady, Play event this term. We are looking forward to hopefully seeing more of you at our summer event!

From Miss Lippett (EYFS/Year 1 Phase Lead) and all the EYFS and Year 1 Team

Year 2 and Year 3.

Hello, I'm Mr Kendall and I lead Year 2 and Year 3.

We have had a great term so far and it was amazing to see so many parents at the Stay and Play event recently. We will be organising another in the Summer Term and we would love to see even more parents attend!

Upper Phase Update

Year 4, 5 and 6

It has been such a busy half term so far; all of the children have been working incredibly hard in their lessons and have had the opportunity to enjoy a range of different experiences and workshops!

Our Recent Learning Opportunities

Year 4, 5 and 6 have had some wonderful learning opportunities this half term. See below some images of their Drumba workshop, VR experience and Chickenwired art event. It was great to see the children showcase their West Heath Values with visitors and apply their knowledge and skills in different ways!

Please ask the children about these events; we had lots of fun whilst learning!



Year 4, 5 and 6 Polite reminders

- ☐ Please ensure children are reading every night and practising their times tables when possible. They are vital skills for success.
- ☐ Ensure your child brings a coat to school. The weather is unpredictable and we go out in most weathers to enjoy our school environment.
- ☐ Children need to bring a water bottle. Unfortunately, we do not have any spares and the children need to access a drink throughout the day.

Our Stay and Play Event

Thank you to all the parents and family members, who attended our first stay and play event. Please look out for the PING to give us some feedback and if you were unable to attend we hope you can come to our summer one.

Egg Tech is back!

West Heath's annual 'Egg Tech' competition is back! Join us in the event by creating a vehicle that can transport an egg and race against each other down the ramp!

Certificates will be awarded for...



Furthest distance travelled (works the best)



Most technological (designed the best)



Most creative (looks the best)

The competition will
be held on
Wednesday 20th
March so make sure
you bring your vehicle
in on the day!
LET'S RACE!

Prizes will be decided and awarded amongst phase groups: reception, years 1 and 2, years 3 and 4 and years 5 and 6.



National School Attendance Award

2023/24 Autumn Term



West Heath Primary

Top 25% of similar FFT Primary Schools in England

MARCH 2024				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11th Easter Raffle Tickets on Sale this week – before & after school. Before and after school and at Parents Evening Rocksteady Assembly	12th Birmingham Royal Ballet Y1 Class 9 Swimming Y 5 and 6 Gymnastics Competition WHPS	13th Book Fair Before School and at Parents’ Evening Mobile Library Class 14 Parents’ Evening 3:30 – 7:00 No Clubs	14th Book Fair Before School and at Parents’ Evening Class 10 Swimming Hippodrome Dance Trip Parents’ Evening 3:30 – 6:00 No Clubs	15th Comic Relief - Non-Uniform Day Donation can be made on Parent pay - Donations collected will be shared between Comic Relief and school fundraising Book Fair Before & After School Indoor Athletics Finals Y3 Y4 Gymnastics Comp Clubs finish
18th Easter Raffle Ticket Sale – before & after school. Passport Check - please complete parent comment for Spring 2 Book Fair Before and After School Futsal	19th Easter Raffle Ticket Sale – before & after school. Y2 African Dance and Music Workshop Parents workshop afternoon Class 9 Final Swimming Birmingham Rockets Festival	20th Egg Technology Day	21st Down Syndrome Day - Wear your funkiest socks to symbolise the uniqueness of every chromosome - each one valuable & one-of-a-kind! - Easter Raffle - Bronze Attendance Silver Attendance Afternoon Tea Class 10 Final Swimming Girls’ Football Heats	22nd School Council Meeting Passport Party Break Up for Easter Holiday
25 th March - 5 th April EASTER HOLIDAY				

APRIL 2024				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 th	9 th Egyptian Dance workshop Year 3	10 th Mobile Library Class 9	11 th Cricket Workshop Y2 Tennis Roadshow	12 th
15 th Clubs Begin	16 th Minibeasts Dance and Movement EYFS	17 th Mobile Library Class 10	18 th	19 th School Council Meeting
22 nd Great Big Dance Off	23 rd	24 th Mobile Library Class 12	25 th	26 th School Council Meeting
29 th	30 th Shang Dynasty Drama Workshop Year 4			
MAY 2024				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 st National Walking Month Mobile Library Class 7	2 nd School closed for Elections	3 rd School Council Meeting
6 th Bank Holiday	7 th Greek Dancing Year 5	8 th Mobile Library Class 11	9 th	10 th Year 2 Twycross Zoo - more information to follow
13 th KS2 SATS WEEK Mental Health awareness week	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th School Council Meeting
20 th Walk to School Week Passport Check	21 st Danceathon - More Information to follow	22 nd Mobile Library Class 8	23 rd	24 th School finishes for ½ term Passport Parties
27 th – 31 st Whitsun HALF TERM				