West Heath Primary News

5th November 2021



Well done to the class who earned the most values slips last week:



Next week's focus value ...



'Tell the truth; take the truth!'

It's my responsibility to...
Understand my strengths and weaknesses,
Play fair and not cheat,
Accept advice and feedback.

Please discuss the meaning of this value at home.

Parents' Evening

The teachers are all looking forward to meeting you next week.

Below are the details of how to join the meeting and how it will run.

- 1. Log into TEAMS using your child's account in time for your appointment.
- 2. Join the Parent Consultation meeting in Teams from the **calendar** icon or from the **Posts section**.
- 3. Wait in the 'lobby' for the teacher to be ready to see you and join you.
- 4. Finish your meeting, leave and log out.

If needed, switch accounts and repeat for your other children.

Behind the scenes, each class teacher has one long meeting running. Parents will join the meeting using their child's account and wait in the virtual lobby for other parents to finish their meeting. The teacher will know you are there and will join you when they are ready.

Club Day Uniform

As you know, we have allowed children who attend sports clubs after school to wear their joggers and trainers to school on the day of their club with their school jumper or cardigan.

These trainers should be <u>plain</u> <u>black</u>, otherwise the children should wear their black school shoes and bring their colourful trainers to change into at the start of their club.

School will be closed to children on

Monday 3rd January for bank holiday

Tuesday 4th January for staff training

Halloween Themed Non-Uniform.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Fundraising Non-Uniform Day before half-term! We appreciate your donations when your children take part and choose to wear their own clothes to school.

We raised £120 across school from the donations that were made on Parent Pay.

Harvest Soup

We hope you enjoyed the delicious soup that was made by our school cook from all of your fresh veg donations. Money raised will be included on the fundraising totaliser next week.

Foodbank Donations

We were overwhelmed by your generosity. Your donations will be heading to the foodbank very soon.



EYFS Phonics Meeting

It was great to see parents back in school to find out all about our phonics and early reading approach.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on <u>Friday 12th November.</u>

Individual photos will be taken of the children as well as family photos of the children in our school.

We are unable to facilitate family photos with pre-school children.

Birthday Sweets

It is lovely when the children bring in sweets to share with their class to celebrate their birthdays. The children are given these at the end of the day to take home.

We would just like to remind you that these sweets should

- be individually wrapped or in a packet.
- not contain nuts or nut products.

Please avoid sending hard boiled lollipops.

Calling all Tradespeople

We are looking for tradespeople to help with internal works

- electricians
- plumbers
- decorators etc

and external work

- fencing
- gardeners
- builders etc

Please send business cards/details to

enquiry@westheathprimary.bham.sch.uk

Lost Property

Over the last week, there has been an ever-increasing amount of lost property: cardigans, jumpers and even some coats! We are able to return named items so much quicker. Please name all item; it really does help.

The lost property trolley will be put out on the main playground at the end of each day. Please check it for any unnamed, misplaced items. We were delighted to be chosen to help launch the Commonwealth 2022 Education resources.

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The whole school met Perry the official Commonwealth Mascot in assembly ...

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Perry joined us in class to find out more about the Queen's Baton Relay and the games themselves.



PTA Meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Monday 15th November



Come along and share your ideas, or find out about the PTA and plans to support fundraising. Please email pta@westheathprimary.bham.sch.uk to confirm that you'd like to attend.

Boys' Football Team
Good Luck to the Y5 &
Y6 Boys for the
football
final on
Tuesday!

Celebrating 100 years of the Poppy Appeal

We would like to do something special to commemorate this. Our aim is to create a poppy field in the area next to our Forest School. We hope that every child can make their own poppy in school. These should create a striking and poignant image.

Due to British weather being rather wet at this time of year, we are going to be making them out of the bottom of plastic bottles, rather than paper poppies. This is where we need your help! Could you send in plastic bottles over the next week with your child. They can be small ones such as 500ml water/pop bottles, 1.75L or 2L bottles (not milk bottles though). They do, however, need to be clear. We have always been big advocates of British Values and Remembrance at School and, with your help, are looking forward to creating an extra special memorial this year.

Thanks Mr Whitehouse



Poppies and Poppy Appeal items will be on sale on the playground before school each day this coming week.

If you use drop and go, or your child walks onto the site by themselves, we will make sure that they also have the opportunity to buy the items, as they enter the school building.

Gary Sambrook, Member of Parliament for Northfield is running a

Christmas Card Competition

The winning card will be sent

- to the Prime Minister
- to people around the constituency

There will be prizes and certificates for the winner and the runners up. The best designs will also be placed on public display in the constituency for the community to appreciate as part of the Christmas celebrations. Children whose entries are used for the public display will also receive a special certificate from Gary as a small thank you for taking part.

The designs can be of anything associated with Christmas,

- Traditional Christmas scenes
- Christmas in the local community
- Christmas celebrations at home

Entries should be drawn on a single side of A4 paper

On the back of your drawing, please write your

- first name
- class
- class teacher
- school name



Drawings should be sent to school by Tuesday 17th November, so we can send them to Gary to pick a winner and have them printed in time for signing.

Gary hopes to visit school in December to present the certificates and prizes.