



Town Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Our first assembly this year was about the traditions surrounding the making of New Year's Resolutions. Linked in with this is our support of the Royal Sutton Coldfield Mayor's Challenge. We continue to keep the local area clean with our litter picking patrols but the children are now being encouraged to carry out a good deed everyday either at home or in school. When I spoke to the children to see who had started their deeds there was a flood of hands so I am hoping that you will have started to see lots of help around the house! The children will be making class posters to show their good deeds and we will carry on reminding the children to keep them up during this term.

Best Wishes

Head Teacher

Parent Evening Consultations

The Parent Evening booking system is now open for appointments to see your child's **Literacy** teacher. The appointments will be for 10 minutes only. If you think you will need a longer appointment than this please speak to the teacher and this will be organised for you at an alternative time. Mrs Hill, our SENCo, will be available to speak to on **Wednesday 25th January**. Please make every effort to attend this important session in order to provide the support and encouragement your child needs to thrive at school.

World of Work Week - 13th – 17th February 2017

As part of our work to prepare the children for future stages of their education we are organising a whole school 'World of Work Week' experience. At the moment we are asking if any parents would be willing to come into school and talk to the children about their job and career path followed by a Question and Answer session. Our plan is to organise a visit for each class to a business in Sutton such as Empire Cinema or Marks & Spencer's. If you have any contacts with any business that could host a group of 30 children then please contact the school on enquiry@townj.bham.sch.uk and we will email you the slip. We will have more details about this exciting week nearer to the time.



Free School Meals

Please note if you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals you no longer have to complete paper work and bring in evidence you can simply register online at: www.link2ict.org/FSM. You only ever need to register once and then school will automatically be updated of eligibility or any changes. This information is data protected as per the terms shown on the website. If you are unable to access the system to register, we can do this for you, please provide the following details - *National Insurance Number, Date of Birth and Parent Full Name* to k.gwinnett@townj.bham.sch.uk. Please check your entitlement especially if you have ever been in receipt of the below benefits.

The school can claim funding for families that have received one of the following. This means that your child may be entitled to have their school trips/visits and after school clubs funded by the school using Pupil Premium money, so it is worth checking.

Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guaranteed element of Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190), Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit, Universal Credit.

If you have any queries, please ring Miss Gwinnett 0121 464 8738.

Upcoming Events

16th January

7am Y6 Trip to London

17th January

9.15 Y5 Gurudwara

23rd January

4.00pm Parents Evening

24th January

9.00 Four Oaks Assembly team

25th January

5.00pm Parents Evening

1st February

9.30 Y6 Mosque & Exhibition visit

16th February

Ready to Write Day

17th February

Break up for Half Term

27th February

School Resumes

21st & 22nd March

Y3 Laches Wood Residential visit

29th & 30th March

Edgmond Hall Outdoor Education Centre Visit

7th April

Break up for Easter Holiday

Safeguarding

Parental controls are an important way to keep your child safe online.

Parental controls can be used to block upsetting or harmful content, control in-app purchases or manage how long your child spends online. And the good news is parental controls are really easy to set up.

Innocent searches sometimes reveal not so innocent results. So if you're worried about what your child is searching for online, who they're talking to or what they're seeing, we can help.

It's simple to get started. And, along with talking to your child regularly, using parental controls is one of the best ways to help keep children safe online. You'll find lots more information below – or give us a call on [0808 800 5002](tel:08088005002) to chat to one of our expert NSPCC and O2 advisors.

What are parental controls?

Parental controls are software and tools which you can install on phones or tablets, games consoles or laptops – and even your home broadband.

You can also use them to help you block or filter the content your child sees when searching online. And family-friendly public WiFi can help when you're out and about.

Parental controls are also available to help you to:

- plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for
- stop them from downloading apps they're too young for
- manage the content different members of the family can see.

So whatever your child is doing online, there's a way that you can help keep them safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>



Premier Sports

Premier Sport are running the following after school clubs:

Dodgeball 3.30-4.30 - 12th Jan – 16th Feb cost £24.00

Football 3.30-4.30 - 13th Jan – 17th Feb cost £24.00

Please book on line at www.premier-education.com or if for any reason you are unable to book on line contact them on 01543 898118.

Dinner Money Reminder

Dinner money for the spring term is now overdue. If you have not paid for your child's dinner money for this half term or you are experiencing any difficulties with payment please contact the school office.

Rotary Shoeboxes

We are in the process of sending these to the distribution centre. Thank you to all families that took part in filling the boxes. We collected in 55 boxes in total.

May I on behalf on the Local Governing Board thank the staff for their exceptional hard work last term. Thank you to the children for their hard work too, and for all being such STARS in the school production. Thank you as parents/carers for all your support during the term which has been much appreciated. The Governors look forward to seeing many of you at the Spring Term events in school.

Diane Clapcott – Chair of the Local Governing Board

Poppy Appeal

The children raised £47.03 from selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British legion.



School Improvements

- Tuesday 3rd January Whole Staff training by Jan Rudge looking at higher level questioning techniques.
- Staff Inset looking at assessing the competency stage of English acquisition for some of our children.
- Moderation of the Autumn 2 data for all children.
- Senior Leaders spent a day updating the School Improvement Plan and School Evaluation Form.
- Mrs Smith met Paul Caldwell, our Pupil Premium Governor, to discuss the Pupil Premium strategy and funding expenditure.
- Mrs Gilmour has attended the Plantsbrook Learning Trust Safeguarding Hub meeting.
- Ms Gwinnett has attended a training session for the January Census.
- Mrs Gilmour has met with Gwyllym Blackman to discuss the termly Safeguarding report.