

Caring and Sharing,

Believing and Achieving, Together



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Summer Term 2018 – Newsletter 3 Week ending: Friday 4th May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Class Structure for September

The senior leaders and governors have agreed the class structure for September 2018. We will retain our 4 class structure for another academic year (although our funding from county has reduced again this financial year).

* Class 1 – nursery & reception

* Class 2 – year 1 & 2

* Class 3 – year 3 & 4

* Class 4 – year 4 & 5



In June, we will be able to inform you of who your child's class teacher and teaching assistant will be.

As you know, Mrs Steele will be going on maternity leave later this year. Existing school staff will cover her absence for the last few weeks of the summer term. We are currently involved in a recruitment process to appoint an additional teacher from September until her return. We have had a strong field of applications and will be interviewing over the next few weeks.

Year 4 and 5 Residential Trip – and Mini Adventure for rest of school

We held a parent meeting this week to discuss the proposed trip to Acorn Adventure Park in support of our outdoors and adventurous curriculum. During the residential the younger children will take part in a 'Mini Adventure' here at school planned by staff, and will spend much of the three days outdoors. They will all have the opportunity to take part in Forest School activities.

Working with local schools

Eckington is part of a very strong cluster of local schools. The cluster consists of local first schools as well as Bredon Hill Academy (BHA). The purpose of the cluster is to share best practice across schools. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been part of a number of cluster meetings. Mrs Dodd worked with the SENDco (special educational needs and disabilities) cluster to further enhance our systems for transition to BHA for pupils with SEND. Mr Tranmer hosted a meeting this week for year 2 teachers to moderate their judgements on assessing children's writing. Mr McDonagh has had meetings to support year 5 transition to BHA and a meeting with PE leaders to continue to develop opportunities for competitive sport between schools. We welcome the chance to work with other schools to share expertise and constantly improve the learning experiences we can offer our children.

We hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend!



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Lunchtime Supervisor Required

- 4 lunchtimes per week (term time only, 1 hr 30 mins per day)
- Playground and lunch hall supervision, room preparation and cleaning, playing games/leading activities
- We are committed to the safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. All posts are subject to an enhanced DBS check.
- Please speak to Mrs Dodd/Miss Breakwell for further information



Attendance 95.9% overall this week, School target is 96.5%.



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
88%	98.6%	98.7%	94.8%



Stars of the Week – Key Stage 2



Year 3 – George – great enthusiasm for maths and sharing his ideas.

Year 3 – Zoe – lovely presentation and always trying her best.

Year 4 – Oliver – for a positive attitude to learning.

Year 4 – Harry – for being a good friend and always happy.

Year 5 – Yasmina – lovely manners and always getting on with work.

Year 5 – Louise – trying and succeeding in her maths work.

Head Teacher’s Award – Harrison being a good role model and showing consideration to younger children.



Lunchtime Stars! KS2

This week Arthur, Oliver G, Hector, Elsie, Yasmina and Zara have been super at lunchtime.

House points – this week’s winners were Hill with 113 points!! The current overall leader is Church with 1619.

Letters home this week – Tennis tournament to certain children. Whole school Royal Three Counties Show letter.

Forest School Fridays - we would love volunteers to assist Reception and Year 1 children with Forest School, please see Mrs Gower/Mrs Smiles if you can help!

Thank you

Reminders

Think Tank Birmingham – please return slips by Friday 11 May 2018

Bellboating permission forms – please return slips by Tuesday 8th May

Useful information!!

School Dinners Class Catering's contact number for cancellations/queries 01684 772623 from 8.00 am to speak to Laura. Please contact them direct.

Sickness If your child has a sickness bug please keep them away from school for **48 hours after the last sickness/diarrhoea episode.**

Absence If your child is ill **please telephone school** at your earliest opportunity (answer machine always on) and send in a quick note when they return explaining their absence. Thank you for your co-operation.

Water Bottles and hats! Please ensure children come to school with their water bottles each day! Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Please see the calendar on the school website also.

Ukulele Tuesdays – Class 4
Swimming Fridays – Yr 2 and selected children
Forest School Fridays – Yr R & 1

Friday 11th May 2018

KS1 Worship 9.30am
Swimming Year 2 and certain KS2 children
Forest School Reception and year 1.
Class 2 Bake off! 3.15pm
Tennis Tournament Bredon

Dates on calendar

Thinktank Birmingham Thursday 17th May 2018
Bellboating Yr 4 and 5 10th May and 22nd June 2018

FOES Fun Run 8th June 2018
Three Counties Whole School Trip Friday 15th June 2018

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