



# Brownhills West Newsletter

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## Girls' Football Team

The girls' football team played their second match of the season last week against Christ Church. They won 4-2! We are so proud of them and we can't wait to host our own match here so we can all support them...



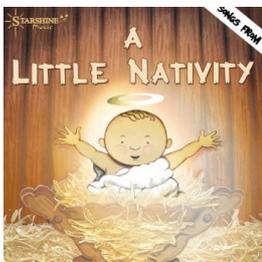
## New Times Tables App for children

The last week of the previous half-term, we introduced a new APP for the children to practise their timetables at school and at home. It is absolutely amazing! All the children from Y1 to Y6 have been given login details, and there is some serious competition going on - even between the children and the staff! To help you support your children with this, we would like to invite you to a 15 minute information session where we will show you how your children can get the most out of the APP:

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9:15am or at 3pm.



## Changes to Christmas arrangements 2018



Nursery and Reception will present a Nativity play for us this year. Years 1 & 2 will present a Carol Concert alongside our brass players who will play some musical pieces.

The Nativity play will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am and again at 5pm on the same day.



The Carol Concert will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am.

Tickets will be available to order soon so save the dates now...

## Reception places for September 2019

Parents who wish for their child to have a place in Reception September 2019 at our school, must apply online at [www.walsall.gov.uk](http://www.walsall.gov.uk) by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2019. Any problems with the online application, please call the council on: 01922 650000.

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## Parents' views

Thank you very much for completing the Parent View questionnaire at the parent meetings in October. There were 86 responses from Y1 to Y6, and 28 responses from Nursery & Reception. Each response is equivalent to 1%. Your views are greatly appreciated, and for your interest I have grouped the responses into the tables below.

Y1 to Y6 Questions		Strongly Agree or Agree	Strongly Disagree or Disagree	Do not know
1.	My child is happy at this school.	98%	2%	
2.	My child feels safe at this school.	98%	2%	
3.	My child makes good progress at this school.	99%		1%
4.	My child is well looked after at this school.	100%		
5.	My child is taught well at this school.	100%		
6.	My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	98%	2%	
7.	This school makes sure its children are well behaved.	99%	1%	
8.	This school deals effectively with bullying.	78%	6%	16%
9.	The school is well led and managed.	98%		2%
10.	This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	95%	5%	
11.	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	99%	1%	
12.	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	97%	1%	2%

Early Years Questions		Strongly agree or Agree	Strongly Disagree or Disagree
1.	My child is happy at school	100%	
2.	My child can turn to an adult for help if they need it	100%	
3.	The staff encourage my child to be independent and self-sufficient	100%	
4.	There are a range of activities covered to meet my child's needs	100%	
5.	I feel comfortable approaching the staff to talk about my child's needs	100%	
6.	My child enjoys their learning	100%	
7.	I am happy with the quality of care my child receives	100%	
8.	I have had enough information about the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum and about what my child will be learning	99%	1%
9.	The children in Reception/Nursery are well behaved and there are high expectations of pupil behaviour	100%	
10.	My child receives praise and positive encouragement for effort and achievement	100%	
11.	I am clear about my child's next steps	100%	
12.	My child is making good progress	100%	

The individual responses to questions 8 and 10 are being followed up as we pride ourselves at always putting the well-being of your children first. If you have any concerns regarding your child please speak to us.

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## Important Dates NOVEMBER



- 13 Nov - PTFA Meeting 3.30pm, all welcome.
- 16 Nov - Children in Need Day, wear your Pyjamas to school, £1 donation. Photograph order deadline.
- 19 Nov - Dentist visiting.
- 23 Nov - Parent Times Table sessions 9.15am and 3pm.
- 26 Nov - Flu vaccinations (Reception to Y5).
- 30 Nov - Awful Auntie theatre trip.

## Attendance



Our attendance winners last week were Year 6 with a perfect 100%.

This week our winners are Year 4 with 97%.

Each term we aim for 100% attendance, and children with attendance of 97% or more are rewarded with fun activities and events. Punctuality is also very important as missing the start of a lesson impacts not only on the child who is late, but also the other children in the class. Please support us by ensuring your child is in school on time every day.

## Brownhills Best:



### Year 5

Year 5 have been learning all about Guy Fawkes and the gun powder plot. Here is a poem that we wrote together.

In 1605,  
When Guy Fawkes was alive  
He planned to kill the king  
It was totally the wrong thing  
He was caught  
His lesson should be taught  
He got locked up in jail  
When his plan started to fail  
His punishment was to be hung  
But instead he jumped and swung  
SPLAT!



Now, in 2018  
Everybody surprisingly still talks  
About Guy Fawkes,  
On the 5th of November the colours fly  
Like guns exploding in the night sky,  
Bang - Bang!  
Sizzle - Sizzle  
Shouting flames grow higher and higher  
Bursting from the raging, orange bonfire,  
The bonfire is as hot as the blazing sun  
Everybody is having fun!

We have really enjoyed looking at this topic. We have also been writing poems in our English lessons and creating lots of bonfire night related art work.

### Year 6

In English lessons Year 6 have been watching a short film called 'The Piano' by Aidan Gibbons. (You can watch it if you follow this link

<https://www.literacyshed.com/piano.html>)

Alongside this, we have been focussing on punctuating speech correctly. Here is an extract of work by Ben:



Sometimes, when he imagined hard enough, he would feel his wife appear beside him. These were the moments he lived for - to feel her with him once more. 'My love,' came a whisper in the old man's ear. He shivered. 'My dear, how are you doing? Is it a better life where you are now?' he asked his wife. 'I came down to tell you that I still love you with all of my heart,' the old lady replied. She gave him a hug as the man said, 'I think about you always.' As he said this, he felt his wife kiss his cheek and then fade away once more.

We were also very excited this week to start working with visiting author Julian Roderick. We helped edit a first draft of his story Felix Jones and the Book of Words, and then looked at character descriptions and created a 'Wanted' poster. We're really looking forward to the coming weeks' sessions with Julian and writing our own time-travelling adventures which will be published!

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Film nights for only £1 per child at St James' Church.

**MOVIE NIGHT**

£1 per child

Come and Join St James Church for a fabulous festive family treat. This Christmas its 'Mayhem in Bethlehem!'

Film night, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at St James Church, 6pm... ..Doors open at 5.30pm.....£1 per child

Every child receives an Advent Calendar

**Nativity!**

Tickets available from Mel on 07794753210.

Tickets MUST be booked in advance so as not to disappoint if we run out of Advent Calendars.

Fancy eating cookies with Santa at St James' Church?

**COOKIES with SANTA**

Are you on the naughty or Good list ?

St James Church is Excited to announce 'Cookie's with Santa'. Come and see Santa in his Grotto with his Elves. Be greeted with warm Hot Chocolate, topped with cream & Marshmallows. Plus cookies

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 1.15-3.15pm

St James Church Hall, £6 per child

Includes... a visit to see Santa, his elves & a present. Then finish off making Christmas Crafts.

Admission by pre-paid ticket only.

Telephone Mel on 07794753210 for details

Numbers are limited, so book early.

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