

# HALES VALLEY TRUST

# **Newsletter**

12th October 2018

#### **Reminders**

- Please no bikes to be ridden on the school playgrounds. Adults and children must walk with their bikes to prevent any accidents. They can be stored and locked in the bike stores at the front or rear of school.
- If your child wants their ear(s) pierced, please ensure this happens during the 6 week summer holidays. No physical activity can happen wearing jewellery.

# **Competitions**

The Dudley Catering Service colouring competition is being judged next week and we will announce the winner in assembly on Friday and on the newsletter!

We are holding a walk to school poster competition that pupils will be completing during the school day and this will be judged after half term.

# INSET Days 2018-2019

25th February 22nd July Childcare available on February date.

Polling Day 2019
2nd May 2019—school closed

# **Whole School Events**

It has been really lovely this week to welcome so many parents in to school! The First Aid parent workshop was a super success and will continue for another 2 weeks! A questionnaire will follow about what workshops parents would like next.

We also had our super KS1 Harvest Assembly! It was a fabulous performance and all children tried so hard. Their singing was beautiful!

# **Book Shares and Parents' Evening**

This week we welcomed KS1 parents in to their children's book shares. The KS2 book share is on Monday 22nd October. It is a great opportunity to see your children's work and understand more about what they have been learning.

It is our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 23rd October 3.15-5pm and Wednesday 24th October until 7pm. All parents will be receiving letters about this so you can book in for appointments.

# **Fire Alarm / Lock Down Procedures**

I have praised all of the children for how well they evacuated the building last week. It was not an expected fire alarm but it was a good practice for us. The children left the building in 2 minutes 15 seconds which is really good. They were all calm and were not easily distracted even with their parents on the playground!

It was good for parents to see what we do and how we keep your children safe. Thank you for your support and understanding. We will be doing a lockdown practice after half term. A different bell rings and we will make sure that pupils understand what to do.

# **Walk to School**

We will be starting our walk to school scheme again but it will now be after half term. Please encourage your children to walk to school and if they do so they can earn badges. Look out for a letter coming out soon with more information.

School Meals: £2.30
Drinks: Milk—free Water—free

Snack Trolley
Toast—26p per round

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#### **Stars of the Week!**

Mrs Fryer / Mrs Hunt's Class—Amelia Miss Davis' Class—Miss Williams' Class— Ruby-Jane Mrs Westwood's Class— Kayden Mrs Weaver's Class— Alfie Mrs Johal's Class— Charlotte Mrs Hull's Class— Marnie Mr Russell's Class— Taylah

Well done to all our stars of the week!



#### **Attendance**



1st October—5th October Attendance needs to be 100%!

1st place—2NW—100% - Fantastic!

2nd Place—5/6DR—99% Great effort—Keep it up!

Children who achieved 100% attendance last year will get their prize so don't worry. We will be in touch with our plans

#### **Nursery**

One of our nursery pupils is celebrating his two year heart anniversary. It has been 2 years since he had heart surgery at Birmingham Children's Hospital. We have joined him to celebrate his heart anniversary and to raise awareness of CHD.

#### **2018-2019 Diary Dates**

An annual calendar will be sent out shortly but key dates are as follows:

16th October—School Disco!
22nd October—School Photos
22nd October—KS2 Book
Share
22nd October—KS1 Road
Safety Talk
23rd and 24th October—
Parents' Evening
25th October—Mufti Day
26th October—Half Term!



#### **House Points**

Thistles—247

Shamrocks-218

Daffodils-354

Roses-326

Well done Daffodils!

#### E-Safety—Stay Safe Online

Parent Zone has made available a number of guides that focus on 'trending' apps and games that pupils are engaging with. https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides This gives you information about the games, apps and any dangers that they may pose.

Band Runner: New Thinkuknow game and website for 8-10 year olds - N.B This will replace the Cyber café resource which will be live until 21st December 2018

This is a fun runner-style game, available on the Thinkuknow website, which children can play at home. The game features the characters from Play Like Share: Sam, Alfie and Ellie who continue their adventures, this time running through school and collecting stars and points, whilst children support them to make decisions online.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/resources/band-runner/

# **Dormston**

On Tuesday this week we had a visit from the Head Teacher at Dormston, Mr Dixon. He spoke with all Year 6 pupils about Dormston and transition. He talked lots about after school clubs and the children were really interested.

# Disco

Disco night is Tuesday 16th October for all year groups. Nursery, Reception and Miss Davis class are 3.15-4.15pm, Mrs Fryer's, Miss Williams, Mrs Westwood's and Mrs Weaver's class are 4.30-5.30pm and Mrs Johal, Mrs Hull and Mr Russell's classes are 5.45-6.45pm. ALL children will leave the disco from their normal exits and not the school hall.

Disco tickets have already been sold. We look forward to dancing with you!

#### **Safeguarding**

We all have a responsibility for the welfare of our children. If something concerns you about the welfare of a child within school then please contact the class teacher in the first instance who will refer to the Schools Designated Safeguarding Leads within school. If you have concerns which **are not** school based you can: Call the children's services referral and advice service on **0300 555 0050** during office hours (9am - 5pm). Out of office hours contact the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 555 8574** or **in an emergency call 999.**Alternatively you can call ChildLine on **0800 1111** or email them by visiting www.childline.org.uk

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