



Headteacher Update:

Thank you for your continued support of the first half of the summer term. Although the weather has not always been overly kind to us, there has certainly been lots going on in school to brighten our spirits!

We are entering a busy half-term with many 'end of year' events that we hope that you will be able to join us for. With the different activities taking place, we are sure that the children will enjoy their last few weeks. During this time, we will be putting in steps to support and prepare the children as they transition to their new classes or new schools!

Finally, we wish some staff our very best wishes as they move on to new adventures. Miss Barnes and Mrs Lane will be leaving, but we welcome Miss Bee and Miss Bhai to our team. See you all after the holiday, ready for the final push to the end of the year!

ATHLETICS COMPETITION

Earlier this week, a group of children from Year 5/6 represented the school in a competition at Tipton Sports Academy against other local Sandwell schools. They competed in different track and field events. Miss Prescott commented about how well they represented the school. They finished 7th out of 12 schools. Well done to them all!



EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

In addition to our half-termly sports clubs across the year groups, we have also had new clubs this half-term. Mrs Howard has been working with a group of Year 4 children in Knitting Club, Mr Fowler has run a Year 6 Chess Club and Mrs Kaur has been gardening with some Year 5 children. We have had positive feedback from the children who have enjoyed their experiences.

'I really enjoyed Chess Club as it has helped to refresh my love for Chess. I look forward to helping others learn how to play the game.' (Noah)

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

You will be aware of our recent request for nominations for a vacant Parent Governor. We are looking for somebody to join our committed Governing Board. Nominations close this week and we will update you all with the next stage of the process!

POLITE REMINDER: Please inform the office of any changes to any personal details for you or your child — this includes new addresses, contact phone numbers or email addresses. This allows us to have the most up-to-date details on record.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

We have seen a continued improvement in attendance across the school this half-term. Whole school attendance has increased to 94.8%. The highest attending classes over the half-term are:

1st Place Class: 3SW (97.6%)

2nd Place Class: 2BH (97.2%)

3rd Place Class: 1RD (97.0%)

The class currently leading the way for the whole school year is **3SW** with **96.4%**.

'SUPPORTING ANXIETY' WORKSHOP

Thank you to all of the parents who joined Amanda Barrie and our SEND-Co, Mrs Tudor, for our workshop on Monday. We hope that you found it informative and you were able to go away with some strategies to use with your child at home. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact school.

HPS FAMILY COOKING CHALLENGE

This is a reminder about our family-fun cooking challenge. Your child should have come home with a vegetable this week. We want to encourage the children to take part in tasting and cooking with vegetables to encourage healthy life choices. We look forward to seeing photos of your meals with carrots, spring onions or sweet potato.

Please send any photos to your class teachers via Class Dojo.

ACTIVE LUNCHTIMES

It has been great to see many of the children continue to be active at lunchtimes. Children across school have been using different equipment and playing different games—including the scooters, hula-hoops, skipping and four-square. While some of the older children, have been enjoying playing on the new table-tennis table!



KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY:

School opens

Year 4 (Multiplication Check)
Year 1 Phonics Screening
EYFS Sports Event (Nursery AM/Badgers)
EYFS Sports Event (Nursery PM/Foxes)
KS1 Sports Morning
KS2 Sports Morning (Year 4 and 6)
KS2 Sports Morning (Year 3 and 5)
Y3 Fathers' Day Assembly
YouBeYou Anti-Racism Assembly
School Reports sent out
Class Swap 'Meet the Teacher'
EYFS Graduation Assembly
Parents Open Evening (5.00pm)
EYFS/KS1 Awards Assembly
KS2 Awards Assembly
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
School closes (Summer Holidays)

Monday 1st June

Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June
Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June
Monday 15th June (9.00am)
Monday 15th June (2.00pm)
Tuesday 16th June (9.15am)
Wednesday 17th June (9.15am)
Wednesday 17th June (10.45am)
Friday 19th June (9.15am)
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Friday 10th July
Friday 10th July
Monday 13th July
Tuesday 14th July (3.45pm -
Wednesday 15th July
Thursday 16th July
Friday 17th July (9.15am)
Friday 17th July