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Nurturing values and communication

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Upcoming Events

Friday 5th May: Coronation Celebrations

Children in Reception to Year 5 will take part in a range of activities to celebrate this historic event. Year 6 will celebrate on Friday 12th May after SATs. A letter will follow.

Public Speaking Competition

On Monday 15th May, children in Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to present an argument on the theme, 'Technology: harmful or beneficial?'. This will be judged by an external panel. The winners, one from Year 3 and 4 and one from Year 5 and 6, will then present their argument at the Council Chambers on Friday 19th May.

Thursday 4th May – Local Election – SCHOOL OPEN

Unlike previous years the school will be **open on Thursday 4th May**, only Little Learners will be closed as this will be the building used for the local elections this year.

Friday 26th May Baggie Bird Penalty Shoot out

Try and score a goal against Baggie Bird. Letter to follow.

Friday 26th May 2.30 pm Year 5 Murray Hall Presentation

Year 5 have been working with Wodensborough Academy on a #wewillexplore project. Parents in Year 5 are invited to the presentation assembly to recognise their hard work.

Science Fair 2023 –

Thank you for all the entries into the 'Connections' fair. Children enjoyed explaining to governors and other children their experiments.

Gymnastic Competition

On Thursday 22nd March children from Years 1 to 6 had the opportunity to perform a sequence alongside other Sandwell schools. Moorlands came third and second. Well done to all the children that represented the school.



Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes

3.5 Days from School

20 Lessons

10 Minutes

7 Days from School

41 Lessons

15 Minutes

10 Days from School

55 Lessons

20 Minutes

14.5 Days from School

82 Lessons

30 Minutes

22 Days from School

123 Lessons



Important Information – NEW SCHOOL TIMES

As part of the Dfe guidelines schools from September 2023 will be required to be open for 32.5 hours.

Therefore from September 2023 school opening times will be:

8.35 am - gates open

Key stage 1 and 2 doors open: 8.40 am

Key Stage 1 and 2 doors close: 8.50 am

If your child arrives after this time they will be marked as late.

All pupils will leave school at 3:10pm



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available daily from 7.45-8.45 am; this is run by Mrs Smith and Mrs Lunn. The children are provided with cereal, toast and a drink followed by activities. **This costs £3.00 per day which is payable on the day and there is no need to book.**



Early Years Quality Mark

Reception has been awarded the Early Years Quality.

Strengths recognised were:

- Commitment by leaders to ensure all staff are trained and knowledgeable
- Use of tools to drive practise and pupil outcomes
- Staff know the pupils well and therefore all interactions are focused on what children need
- Phonics teaching is very clear and the leader has worked tirelessly to ensure it is very well resourced and organised to enable all pupils to make progress
- The nurturing environment is very welcoming and calm for pupils to learn in, all pupils work with adults that tune in to their learning and pay deliberate attention to their needs
- Pupils start the day positively knowing that school is a place where they can talk and communication is valued.

31st March – Visit from Shaun Bailey MP

Shaun Bailey visited the school, the children were keen to share with him their worries for the future including climate change, plastic use and jobs for the next generation. Mary, Izabella and Noah in Year 6 led the tour of the school – he was impressed with how passionate they were. We were also able to raise our concerns regarding funding for SEN children and budgets.



Easter bonnets and Egg Scenes

The winning children were Miya in Reception, Chae, in Year 2 and Daniyal in Year 5. Thank you to everyone that took part, it was lovely to see such creative designs.

School Dinners: Reminder, please ensure that you have sufficient funds in your ParentPay account for you to order dinners for your child on the day.



Year 4 Multiplication Timetable Check (MTC) – June 2023 – Y4 parent meeting 2:45pm Tuesday 25th April

MTC KEY FACTS

- The MTC will ask the pupil 25 random multiplication questions- they will not be asked division questions.
- Pupils will have 6 seconds to read the question, understand it, and enter a response. They will then receive a 3 second pause before the next question is shown.

PREPARING PUPILS : OUT OF SCHOOL

- Regular verbal times tables practice.
- Download the Times Table Rock Star (TTRS) free app on to a home device.
- Play Times Tables Rock Stars 3 minutes a day.

ELSA Support

Mrs Wells' role is to support pupils and families with any concerns that you may have with your child regarding anxiety, anger, their social developments etc. Mrs Wells is usually outside in a morning either on the Key Stage 1 or 2 entrance.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 17 th April	Children return to school 8.45 am
Tuesday 25 th April	Swimming for Year 4 starts
Tuesday 25 th April	Y4 Multiplication Checker information 2:45pm
Monday 1 st May	Bank holiday
Thursday 4 th May	Moorlands School is open only Little Learners is closed

May – Year 2 will complete their SATs assessment during this month

Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
Tuesday 9 th – 13 th May	SATS week for Year 6
Monday 22 nd – Wednesday 24 th May	Edgmond Hall Years 5 and 6
Friday 26 th May	Baggie Bird's penalty shoot out
Friday 26 th May	Year 5 Murray Hall presentation Assembly
Friday 26 th May	Break up at 3.10 pm

Training Days 2022-2023

Monday 24th July 2023
Tuesday 25th July 2023