

Spring Term Newsletter 1



Headteachers Message

Welcome back everyone, I hope that everyone had a good half term break and all children are returning to school ready to work and learn. We have a very busy half term ahead with World Book Day, Parents Evening, Science Week, Y4, 5 and 6 residential and Parent Workshops for Years 2 and Year 6 regarding the Statutory Assessments that take place in the summer term.

One of the highlights of my week each week, is listening to children read in Year 3 and talking about their books with them. It is really important that all children are heard read regularly, both at home and in school. Please support us with this by ensuring an adult or older brother or sister reads with your child when they are at home, this can be their reading book, or a book you have at home. Miss Stroud, the Reading leader in school, and I are hoping to open up the school library to families soon so that you can come and borrow a book from there to share at home.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 16th March for Parents Evening.

Mr Holmes

Headteacher

Parents Evening

Due to the coronavirus and the systems we had in place to reduce the risk of infection, we were unable to hold our Spring term Parents Evening before half term. The new date for Parents Evening will be **Wednesday 16th March from 3.45pm to 6.30pm**. You will receive a letter regarding this next week, please make sure your return the letter promptly to ensure you get an appointment. It is important that you meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress, their targets and support that you can give them at home.

As with the Autumn term Parents Evening, I am asking that only one parent attends the parents evening and children will not be permitted on site. If a parent brings children with them, they will not be allowed to enter the school building, this is to reduce the number of people on site. We will again have screens in place in the classrooms however you will not need to wear face coverings unless you would like to.

If you would like to speak to a member of the leadership team at Parents Evening, we will all be available, please let us know in advance if you would like an appointment.

Attendance

Each week, the class with the best attendance and punctuality receive an award which range from extra play, board games and baking, the children (and teachers) are very competitive and they are really excited to find out who has won when the winners are announced.



Please ensure that your children come to school every day and are on time, the gates are open from 8.30am-8.50am.

If your child is unwell, you must let the school know the reason for their absence. If we do not have a reason, we will phone you and complete a home visit.

We continue to receive requests for leave in term time, we are unable to grant these unless there are exceptional circumstances, these circumstances do not include a family member being unwell or a death in the family unless it is close family such as a parent or sibling. Unauthorised absence can result in fines being issued by the Local Authority, a number of our families have already received penalty notices, the highest of which was £600.

Training Day

Monday 25th April is a staff Training Day. All children are expected to return to school on **Tuesday 26th April**.

A message from PC Cooper

PC Cooper, our local Community Officer is regularly in school working with your children or running Parent Workshops, he has asked that we share the link below, and has asked that residents of Bordesley Green complete the survey. Thank you.

Bordesley Green Impact Area Survey LIVE Link:

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/WMPIABordesley>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Leadership team, Mrs Denton (AHT for Phase 1), Ms Dovey (SENDSCO and AHT for Phase 2), Ms Pennington (AHT for Phase 3), Miss Clayton (AHT for the Wider Curriculum), Ms Burgess (Deputy Headteacher) or I.

Cyclops

Shack Shaking, I heard the echoing of the claps and the eerie voices behind me. After a while I saw a big figure walking towards me. I was hallucinating, with a big weapon that looked like excitement axe. My heart was jumping up and down ~~extra~~, not with excitement, but with fear, I knew there was no escape. I could smell the monster's stench from a far which meant I wasn't going to stay alive for long. ^{with}

^{awakened}
I was awakened by the grunting of a monster. A few hours ago, I was taken by the angry monster into a gloomy dark cave and I slipped which on a very sharp item which turned out to be a very sharp crystal. I was running with friend my friend and ended lost in the middle of nowhere. I heard the monster charge out of the bushes. It had sharp teeth and was wearing poisonous grass, that's when I realised it was a Cyclops. ^{it}

That's how it happened, I was in the dark spacious cave with no windows, so I couldn't call for help. Fear racing through my spine. I was brought to a underground cave and I could smell the monster's stench from a distance. Unfortunately, I heard the monster's footsteps coming closer closer and it told me with its angry voice I was its dinner. The Cyclops looked at me

An example of some of the fantastic work taking place in Year 6, Adna's handwriting is superb!