

# School News



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Primary School

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SPRING TERM 2020

Friday 31st January 2020

*What a super couple of weeks we've had in school, jam packed with learning! I have received a very welcome letter in the post today, from the Minister of State for School Standards Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, congratulating Edward the Elder on the "very high level of progress" achieved by Year 6 pupils in Summer 2019. The letter continued "This means that in terms of the progress your pupils make between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, your school is in the top 3 per cent of primary schools in the country." Other exciting news for our Trust is that from the 1st February, we will be joined by another school - Pheasey Park Farm Primary School in Walsall. They are a 'Good' school and we are looking forward to working with them, sharing expertise and expanding the opportunities for our children. Thinking ahead to the summer, we will be having an INSET on Monday 20th July and Tuesday 1st September. Children will return to school on Wednesday 2nd September. Mrs Highman.*



### Disco announcement!

The Friends of the School have organised a disco for all pupils on **Thursday 13th February**.

Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 will be held during school time (morning nursery pupils are welcome to come back at 2.15pm for their disco - please inform nursery staff if you intend to do this). Collection is at 3.15pm from their usual doors. An alternative school activity will be provided for any children in EYFS, Year 1 or 2 not wishing to take part. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 disco is 3.15-4.15pm. Collection is at 4.15pm from their usual classroom doors.

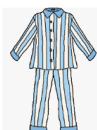
The cost is £1 per child and includes a drink, to **be payable in cash before Thursday 13th February** to allow a



disco register to be drawn up. Tickets will not be issued. Children must come to school in their usual uniform with disco clothes in a labelled bag.

### World Book Day early announcement!

In order to mark World Book day, we have decided to have a theme of 'Bedtime Stories', inspired by CBeebies. Therefore on **Friday 6th March** we would like all children to come to school wearing their pyjamas and bringing with them their favourite teddy and bedtime story book! This year we will not be asking for a donation. Throughout the week we are hoping for an array of special visitors to school who will be reading their favourite bedtime story to pupils. Watch this space!



### Parents & Carers - a few polite reminders...

- Pupils have returned to school looking smart. Please can we ensure black school shoes (not trainers) are worn (pupils may change into these from wellies/boots in school in poor weather).
- If your child is going home with another adult, please inform the office/teacher beforehand. Due to safeguarding reasons, staff will not allow your child to go home with another adult unless confirmation has been given.
- Over the last couple of weeks, we have had several complaints of pupils' conduct towards each other whilst playing computer games at home. The reports have included pupils being unkind both in online 'chats' and verbally via groups on the Xbox and Nintendo Switch. These disagreements can then lead to issues for us within school. The NSPCC are coming into school over the next couple of weeks to discuss 'staying safe' with pupils, including online. A parent workshop will also be undertaken by the NSPCC on Monday 10th February (see additional letter). We would urge as many of you to attend this as possible.



### Attendance:

**Overall school—94.7%**

Reception 94.0%	Year 3—96.1%
Year 1—92.4%	Year 4—94.2%
Year 2—95.1%	Year 5—93.6%
	Year 6—96.9%



**Well done to the majority of year groups for increasing their attendance this term!**



**Hawaii moves 7.5cm closer to Alaska every year.**

**FACT**

## **2019—2020 Key Dates**

### **Spring Term 2020**

*Term Time: Tuesday 7 January 2020 to Friday 14 February 2020*

Monday 3rd February - NSPCC delivering KS1 and KS2 assemblies

Monday 3rd February - 3.20pm Year 2 SATS meeting

Tuesday 4th February - PCSO session with Years 5 & 6

Monday 10th February – 9-10am NSPCC online safety parent workshop

Monday 10th February - NSPCC online safety workshops with Years 5 & 6

Monday 10th February - 3.20pm Year 6 SATS meeting (more information to follow)

Week beginning 10th February - Year 6 Mock SATs

Tuesday 11th February - National Safer Internet Day

Thursday 13th February - School disco

*Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February*

Tuesday 25th - Thursday 27th February 3.20-4pm - Book fair in school hall - cash only

Week beginning Monday 2nd March - World Book Week

Thursday 5th March - 9am Year 4 Parents Multiplication Check meeting (more info to follow)

Friday 6th March - School will celebrate World Book Day - wear pyjamas! (no donation)

Friday 13th March - Sport Relief - wear sporty clothing or PE kit (£1 donation) - more info to follow

Friday 20th March - Year 5 to Goldthorn Park Primary for African Drumming Workshop (more information to follow)

*Term Time: Monday 24 February 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020*

### **Summer Term 2020**

*Term Time: Monday 20 April 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020*

Wednesday 22nd April - Thursday 23rd April - Year 2 residential

*May Day Bank Holiday—Friday 8th May 2020 (THIS IS A FRIDAY IN 2020 TO COINCIDE WITH VE DAY)*

May (whole month) - Year 2 SATs

Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May - Year 6 SATs

*Half Term: Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May. Term Time: Monday 1 June 2020 to Friday 17th July 2020*

Week beginning Monday 8th June - Year 1 phonic checks

Week beginning Monday 8th June until end of June - Year 4 multiplication check

Wednesday 24th June - Friday 26th June -Year 6 residential

**INSET Day - Monday 20th July**

**INSET Day - Tuesday 1st September - Pupils return to school on Wednesday 2nd September**