



# Burnt Tree Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your support this half term and for your contributions towards charity events. We have raised over £300 today from the cake sale towards the help going out to Turkey and Syria following the earthquake.

### PE Kit

Could you please ensure that your child/children have a PE kit in school, as children will be changing for PE. This must be in a drawstring PE bag and consist of:



Black shorts/leggings/joggers

Plain white t-shirt

Plain black hoody/zip up hooded top

Black pumps or trainers (these must be in the PE bag and not the footwear that your child has worn to school) Black plimsolls are recommended for EYFS and KS1.

Some PE lessons do take place outside so it is advisable that your child has joggers/leggings and a hooded top in their PE bag during the colder months. PE kits will be kept in lockers in KS2.

**Can I also remind you that hoodies are not part of school uniform; a school jumper must be worn whether your child is in early years or year 6. If your child does not have a school jumper, we have a selection of second hand uniform, please ask at the office.**



### Parking

Please ensure that you are respectful to neighbouring properties when parking outside school. Do not block driveways and consider if you are parked in a manner that could pose a risk to the children leaving school. We have another complaint from a local resident about inconsiderate parking. This has also been reported to Sandwell and the police who will be monitoring the situation.

### Trips/Events

There are trips and events planned for the rest of the year, you will get plenty of notice and time to make payments. Please be aware that if we do not receive sufficient payments the trips will be unable to go

ahead. Please see the list of planned dates.

### Attendance

We are currently working at improving attendance which is now 92%. This is still below the national expectation. Please ensure that children arrive at school on time before the gates close at 8.55am. Children begin work as soon as they go into class at 8.45am so some children continually miss the first part of the day.

### Leave of absence

The LA have issued guidelines regarding leave of absence. We are not allowed to grant leave of absence during term time. If you do feel that you need to apply for a leave of absence, this must be done at least 3 weeks in advance. There is a chance that you could receive a penalty notice if you take leave of absence/holiday in term time. If your child has consistent leave of absence then there is a risk of prosecution.

### Year 6 SATS boosters

These are held before school every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning and are going well. It is important that your child attends if possible. Any questions, please speak to Mr Brazier or Miss Griffiths.



### Swimming

It is important that all year 6 children take part in swimming lessons, as it is a legal requirement of the curriculum. The children are making fantastic progress, and due to the additional funding the school pays towards swimming costs, the children are able to have an hour's lesson each week for the whole year. Thank you for ensuring that your children have appropriate swim wear each week.

### Edgmond Hall/Ingestre Hall

There are still places available on the Edgmond Hall and Ingestre Hall residential trips for next academic year. If you would like your child to take part, please return the letter or ask at the office for another copy. A deposit of £25 is due by the end of March. The balance can be paid in instalments each week or month up until July 2023 for Edgmond Hall and February 2024 for Ingestre Hall. If your child is entitled to a free school meal there will be a reduction in the cost. Please ask. There will be a meeting for parents later in the term.

### World Book Day

World book day takes place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Please see world book day letter.



### British Values

We will be having a whole school focus on British values on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, which will begin with an assembly in the morning.

### Sports Events

A number of children have the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting events and competitions over the next half term. These include West Bromwich Albion festivals, boccia, KS1 football, years 5&6 football, Sandwell football league competitions. There will be a range of other sports events in the summer term.

### Science Fayre

We will be holding our annual science fayre on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Children will participate in a range of science activities in the hall. Any parents who are able to help in any way by coming into school to run a science based activity related to their job or if you have a friend or relative who is able to do this then please let me know. (eg doctor, nurse, vet, veterinary nurse, engineer, stem)

### HALF TERM

We break up today for half term and return on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Enjoy the break with your children.

Thank you once again for your continued support and we look forward to next half term.

Mrs J Bayliss  
Head Teacher