



July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your support over this academic year. The children have worked hard and have achieved good results in phonics, the timestable check, EYFS assessments and KS2 SATS. Thank you to all the parents who have supported their children with homework, times tables rock stars, spellings and reading at home. This really helps with their progress.

Farewell to year 6

We wish the children in year 6 all the best at their chosen high school. We have celebrated their final year at primary school with a visit from the ice cream van after SATS, a visit to Barmouth and a selection of children visited London.



This week the children have enjoyed the leavers prom disco, with a red carpet, drink and photographs on arrival with a balloon arch. Class of 2024 cakes, slushes, popcorn and candy floss.

We have also celebrated with 2 performances of 'We'll meet again', this was a fantastic performance with all children working hard in rehearsals and staff putting a lot of time into the preparation, A special thank you goes to Mrs Lawton for the amazing backdrop that she painted, Mrs Harris and Mrs Mall for the costumes and the props, Miss Griffiths for tirelessly working with the children and putting it all together and the support of all the year 6 staff for the rehearsals and planning.



The term will conclude with a leaver's assembly on Friday at 2pm. A big thank you also goes to all of the year 6 staff for all of their hard work and dedication over the year.



Cards and Gifts

Thank you to all the parents/carers for their kind words of thank you to members of staff and to those who have bought gifts and cards, we have also received some lovely thankyou cards and emails about some staff, this is all very much appreciated.



Staffing

In September there will be some staff changes within school. Mrs Wood is moving from year 5 to year 3. Mrs Hutchinson-Pinnock has returned from maternity leave and is going back into Nursery, so we will be saying farewell to Miss Sanghera who has been covering in Nursery. We wish her well with her new job at another Sandwell school. We welcome a new teacher into year 5 – Mr O Brazier. Finally, congratulations to Miss Paskin on the birth of her daughter Lylah born on 16th July.

Uniform

Can I please remind you of the correct school uniform so that all children are wearing the appropriate uniform in September.



Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
 White polo shirt
 Grey tights for girls
 or black/white socks
 Black shoes (no trainers)



Hairbands /bows should be blue or black and not too large.

The correct blue sweatshirts/cardigans must be worn, these can be purchased from school with the logo on or plain ones from a supermarket.

Black hoodies and other tops must not be worn. Girls must not wear leggings or cycling shorts.

If your child does not have the correct uniform you will be notified and asked to ensure the correct uniform is worn.

We do have a selection of good second hand uniform available, please ask at the office.

Your child will be given the correct uniform from the donated uniform if they continue to wear incorrect uniform.

We are involved in a number of projects where children have to represent our school eg, Houses of Parliament visits, a project run by the Black Country Museum, etc, if your child does not have the correct uniform, they will not be considered for selection.

PE Kit

Could you please ensure that your child/children have a PE kit that is left in school and only taken home at the end of the week/half term to be washed. 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. All children get changed in school.

Earrings can not be worn for PE, they have to be removed and can not be covered with a plaster. If you plan on having ears pierced, please do so the first week of the summer holiday to ensure there is 6 weeks healing time.



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Attendance/Punctuality

We will continue to monitor attendance and lateness. We are not allowed to authorise any requests for leave of absence and recently, many requests have been processed for penalty notices, resulting in a fine from Sandwell Council. This includes for persistent absence, leave of absence and extended leave of absence. Government rules have changed and have become much stricter.

As a school, we have to follow these guidelines.



School starts at 8.45am. Please ensure that your child/children are in school on time, as if they arrive after the registers have closed this can result in their mark not counting towards their attendance. All registers have to close at

9am in the classrooms.

We are having increased requests for children to be collected early in an afternoon. This will not be able to continue in September as we do not have the staff to collect children from around the school premises.

Your child may be in PE, computing, music or assembly etc which means that they will not be in their own classroom. It is then very difficult for staff to send them to the office to leave as there are no staff available to accompany them to the office, it also disrupts assemblies and performances.

If your child is in an assembly or there is a performance in the hall, we will not be disrupting it to find a child in the middle of the hall, you will have to wait, unless you have notified us earlier and shown evidence of a hospital appointment.

If you do require your child early as a one off due to a medical appointment, then please show evidence to the office.

Please do not be offended if your child cannot be sent out early.

All parents must collect their children from their classroom doors at the end of the school day, unless a special arrangement has been put into place for the new school year by a member of the senior leadership team.

Music Lessons



Children who have enjoyed their brass lessons in year 3 this year will have the opportunity to continue in small groups next year at a cost of £25 per term. This is a

great opportunity for them to progress onto taking grades and joining local brass bands. Letters will be sent out in September.

Parking

Can I please remind parents to be considerate when parking in the streets around school. Do not block residents drives as they need to have access to their cars for work purposes and their own school runs. We have had some complaints from neighbours over the past few months about parking and also incidents on the road.

School gates

As you are aware, we now have electronic gates that are closed during the school day. These have been installed for security reasons. Please do not prop the pedestrian gate open and be patient with the office staff if you do have to come into school for any reason during the school day, as they may not be able to answer straight away.



It is important that events are attended on time for safety and security reasons, as well as to minimise disruptions to events and performances.

Driveway – please do not park in the driveway to the staff carpark as we need access at all times for emergency vehicles.

Behaviour Awards

We are very pleased to have awarded 2 children from each class the gold behaviour award. The children chosen have reached gold on the behaviour chart and their attitude and behaviour has been consistently good throughout the school year. They were awarded breakfast with the senior leadership team – strawberries, croissants, muffins and orange juice and unlimited use of the bouncy assault course and disco dome.



Attendance Awards

Children with 100% attendance and the 3 most improved for attendance and punctuality received a reward of an ice cream and a visit to the bouncy assault course and disco dome.



Children with 98%-100% attendance for the year received certificates and a prize in an attendance assembly.

A large number of children in year 6 will receive a medal for achieving between 95-100% attendance since joining us in EYFS through to year 6, with one child receiving a trophy for 100% attendance all the way through school since Nursery. One year 6 child was also awarded a reward in recognition of her outstanding contribution to school life from nursery to year 6.



Baggy Bird penalty shootout



Thank you to all the children who took part and to the families who sponsored their children. We raised around £2000 with us keeping around £600 of it for school fund which will be spent on the children. Many children across school raised money for the Albion Foundation and received prizes. The child who raised the most won a signed shirt, matchday tickets amongst other prizes.



Burnt Tree Primary School

Head Teacher: Mrs. J Bayliss
Deputy Head Teachers: Mr M Brazier/Mrs C Cotton
Assistant Head Teachers: Mrs C Clarke/Mrs J Wood



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School fund

School fund is built up over the year from fund raising events. This year from the money raised, we have subsidised the cost of trips due to the rising costs of transport. We have also used some of the money towards the cost of the new gates which have added security to the school.



Thank you once again for your continued support this year and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4th September for another successful year.

Kind regards

Mrs J Bayliss
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

| Date | Event |
|---|---|
| Monday 2 nd September 2024 Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 | Training Days (School closed for all pupils) |
| Wednesday 4 th September 2024 | School opens for Autumn term (please see individual arrangements for reception and nursery children) |
| Monday 7 th – Wednesday 9 th October 2024 | YHA residential visit - Yr 5 pupils |
| Friday 25 th October 2024 | Break up for half term |
| Monday 4 th November 2024 | Staff Training Day |
| Tuesday 5 th November 2024 | School opens after half term |
| Thursday 20 th December 2024 | Break up for Christmas |
| Tuesday 6 th January 2025 | Return to school |
| Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th March 2025 | Ingestre Hall Residential visit - Yrs 4-6 |
| Monday 2 nd – Wednesday 4 th June 2025 | Edgmond Hall Residential visit - Yrs 3-6 |