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NEWSLETTER



21st October 2016

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

We are very pleased to announce that Margaret Branscombe has joined our governing body as a parent governor. Margaret brings with her many skills and experience which will benefit World's End. She has been involved in education for the past 25 years, teaching in schools across the Midlands and the North East and has recently started her own company which is focussed on enhancing the curriculum through drama.

FOND FAREWELL

Very sadly we are saying goodbye to Miss Dosanj who is leaving World's End today. Pupils, staff and parents would all like to thank Miss Dosanj for the wonderful support she has given to our school and wish her all the very best for the future.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Thank you to all those parents and carers who contributed to our Harvest Festival assembly by donating tinned and packet goods as well as fresh produce. These have been distributed to food banks across the city by Birmingham City Mission.

MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT



A big thank you to our cook Mrs Amanda Owen who arranged the MacMillan Coffee afternoon, along with the kitchen staff. The ladies made and sold cakes and biscuits in the school kitchen and provided free coffee and tea. The event was very well attended by parents, carers, staff and children and we would like to thank you all for raising £130.35 for the MacMillan Cancer charity.



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DINNER MONEY



Dinner money for next half term will be £78.20 or £11.50 per week. Please send dinner money in a named container or envelope, which your child should hand in to their class teacher on the first day back and subsequently on Monday mornings.

Unfortunately we do not accept payment by cheque but you may use the online banking facility.

The following details of our account will be requested by your bank:

Company Name – **World's End Junior** Company sort code – **16 00 08**

Company account no – **10485248**

In addition you will be asked to provide a reference or narrative to enable us to identify your payment. As this field is usually of limited size please use your **child's surname and class**, i.e **SMITH 5B**.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

A reminder to parents of year 6 children that applications for admission to secondary school 2017 need to be completed online before 31st October 2016. The website is as follows:-

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions



READING WITH YOUR CHILD

Our children have a daily reading lesson. Over the week the child has a guided reading lesson with their teacher and completes reading activities about the text they are studying. In addition, the teacher or Teaching Assistant will hear your child read from their own reading book.

The children have been issued with two reading books. One book is from the Big Cat Collins scheme to ensure children are getting the breadth of genres, contexts and a range of vocabulary. The other book is a classroom reader from a selection of authors. Please support your child's reading by hearing them read at least 3 times a week, more frequently if possible. We welcome your comments in your child's planner about their reading.

In Autumn Term 2, after half term break, your child will also be able to access electronic books.

Further information about this will be issued after half term.

If you have any queries regarding your child's reading, please see the class teacher or Miss Gosal, Deputy Headteacher and English Leader.

REMINDERS

Please can we remind you that all children should have a school water bottle for use in the class-room to stay hydrated during the day. We do not have cups available in school; please ensure your child brings a cleaned, refilled school water bottle each day. These can be purchased via the school office for £1.25. Water is available in school to re-fill empty bottles.

We would also like to remind parents that children are not allowed to wear trainers to school; footwear for school must be black shoes. Boots may be worn to and from school but children will be expected to change out of them either into shoes or P.E pumps, which are needed for P.E in school. Nail varnish should be removed before coming to school and only small stud earrings are acceptable and these need to be removed for P.E and swimming.

Embroidered school uniform is now available from Somal Fashions in Faraday Avenue as well as through Tesco and School Trends online. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of naming all clothing worn to school. Without names in them it is impossible to reunite lost items with their owner. Periodically we will put lost property out for parents to look through.

MATHS MASTERY

We are delighted to announce that Miss Duncan (Deputy Headteacher and Maths Leader) has been selected to take part in a prestigious teacher exchange, focusing on mathematics, with a partner school in Shanghai. She is among 70 expert mathematics teachers from schools across England (one of only two teachers selected from Birmingham and the Central region) taking part in an exchange as part of the Maths Hubs programme. Miss Duncan is representing the Central Maths Hub.

The purpose of the exchange is to further develop the understanding and implementation of mastery approaches to teaching maths in our school, and in the local partner schools that Miss Duncan will be working with during the school year (2016-2017).

This is one part of what is called the Teaching for Mastery Programme, run by the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) in conjunction with the Maths Hubs programme. In July this year, the School Standards Minister, Nick Gibb, announced £41m of funding for the Teaching for Mastery programme over the next four school years.

The group of teachers, all of whom completed the Mastery Specialists programme within their Maths Hubs last year, will be visiting Shanghai in the first half of November this year.

Miss Duncan will also be working closely with Parkfield Community School when they host the teachers from Shanghai when they visit to teach lessons to English children in January. We look forward benefitting from all that Miss Duncan learns.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

We would like to remind parents and carers that in line with school policy we only administer prescribed medicines. For any medicines prescribed by a doctor, other than inhalers for asthma, we require you to come into school to fill out a consent form. If possible even prescribed medicines should be given before or after school. Please do not send your child in with bottles of cough mixture, calpol, cold sore medication or mouth ulcer gel.



INCLUSION BLOG @ WEJS!

Mrs Evans, our Inclusion Lead, has launched a brand new feature on our new website – the first ever Worlds End Inclusion Blog! Go to: <http://worldsendjuniors.co.uk/WEJBlogs/> to see the blog, which includes information about various activities around Birmingham for children and families to access during the Half Term Holiday.

Please let us know what you think of the blog. This is currently a trial but we are hoping that, if the general response is positive, other classes will also set up their own blogs. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION AND SPAGHETTI CHALLENGE!

The school kitchen will be organising a Christmas card competition next half term, please look out for details which will be sent out when we return to school.

On Wednesday 2nd November our school will be taking part in the Great Spaghetti Challenge. We want the children to eat enough spaghetti to reach from Great Britain to Italy, 1,500 miles!

Other themed lunch events are being organised up until Christmas, so please keep an eye out for information on them.





DIARY DATES	
Monday 31st October	Teacher training day—School closed to pupils.
Tuesday 1st November	School opens for pupils—Breakfast clubs at usual times.
Wednesday 2nd November	PHSE workshop for Parents—Celebrating Difference 9.00am—10.00am
Thursday 3rd November	Class assembly 4F—2.50pm
Thursday 10th November	Class assembly 4PO—2.50pm
Thursday 17th November	Big breakfast 8.00am
Thursday 17th November	Class assembly 4PL—2.50pm
Thursday 24th November	Class assembly 3KP—2.50pm
Tuesday 29th November	Parents lunch Y5 & Y6
Thursday 1st December	Class assembly 3F—2.50pm
Thursday 1st December	Y6 SATs information evening for Parents 6.30pm—7.30pm
Thursday 8th December	Class assembly 3N—2.50pm
Friday 9th December	Open session for prospective Y3 Parents 2.00pm—3.00pm
Monday 12th December	Carol Service at St Boniface 10.00am
Monday 12th December	Gold Book/Attendance Assembly 2.20pm—3.10pm
Wednesday 14th December	Y3 Christmas Play—2.00pm
Thursday 15th December	Y3 Christmas Play 9.30 am
Friday 16th December	School closes at 1.30pm
Tuesday 3rd January 2017	Teacher Training Day—School closed to pupils
Wednesday 4th January	School opens to pupils—Breakfast Clubs at usual times.
Thursday 5th January	Parents' workshop—Dreams and Goals 9.00am—10.00am

SCHOOL TERM DATES ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/2017

Autumn Term 2016

Monday 5th September—Friday 21st October 2016
Monday 31st October—Friday 16th December 2016

Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 3rd January—Friday 17th February 2017
Monday 27th February—Friday 7th April 2017

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April—Friday 26th May 2017
Monday 5th June—Tuesday 25th July 2017

May Day Monday 1st May 2017—School closed.

Teacher training days are:

Monday 5th September 2016
Monday 31st October 2016
Monday 3rd January 2017
Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July 2017

**SATS dates for 2017 are Monday 8th May to Thursday 11th May
PLEASE ENSURE THAT NO HOLIDAYS OR APPOINTMENTS ARE BOOKED DURING THIS WEEK.**