



# NEWSLETTER

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

*“Never say I can’t, always say I’ll try”*

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Attendance

Wk. beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Marmalade	99.7%
Wk. beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Sky	100%
Wk. beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Marmalade	100%
Wk. beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Ruby and Emerald	100%

## Praise Assemblies

Well done to all our pupils who received Praise Certificates in our recent assemblies for ‘First Impressions’, ‘Teachers Choice’, ‘Presentation of Work’ and ‘Managing Distraction’!

## Flu Vaccination Programme

Public Health England has recommended the nasal flu vaccination is offered to all pupils in Reception and Years One to Five. School Health will be delivering the vaccination on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure you have returned your consent form by the end of this week. School Health require a form from **every** child, even if consent is not given. Decreasing the number of children getting flu will not only protect them but will also reduce the spread of the virus and reduce the levels of illness caused by flu in the general population. For your information, uptake last year was significantly higher than the Sandwell average.

## Jeans 4 Genes Day

Many thanks to all who supported our “Jeans 4 Genes” appeal on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. A fantastic total of **£349.29** was collected.

## Sandwell Safer 6 Campaign

The annual campaign is underway with Oldbury town being the focus 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October. Safer 6 is all about the various organisations e.g. police, fire etc. targeting their efforts and providing extra reassurance to promote safety, crime prevention and healthy living. If you wish to find out more you can visit the website by searching ‘Sandwell Safer 6’.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning/Cancer Research UK

A huge thank you to everyone who helped us to raise over **£253.85** in support of Macmillan nurses and **£250.00** for Cancer Research UK by wearing non-uniform and donating/buying and/or selling cakes. A special mention also goes to the pupils in Year Five who raised **£47.50** by holding a penalty shoot-out - a great result!

## ‘Fortnite’

Unfortunately, it is apparent that children are still playing this inappropriate game, a letter with more detailed information of the harm this could be causing will follow.

## Wroxeter Roman City Trip

Year Four will be visiting Wroxeter Roman City on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Please send your child with a packed lunch on this day (if not having one provided by school). Children will need to wear full school uniform and may bring a maximum of £5 spending money, in a named purse or wallet.

## Inconsiderate Motorists

Despite numerous reminders we still have a small number of parents who continue to drive at speed on our school grounds. If able to do so we will write directly to the parents concerned. Should this continue we will have no choice but to ban such drivers in the interests of safety.

### **Contact Packs**

Could you please ensure all forms sent out last week have been returned to school. We would like to thank those of you who have returned the packs promptly.

### **Sale of Toast**

Please note that toast costs **25p per day**, every day. If your child is in Years One to Six and would like to buy toast at break time, please send him/her with the **correct amount in coins in a named purse, wallet or envelope**. Toast cannot be paid for via Parent Pay.

### **Homework Resources**

As you may be aware, from Spring 2020 the government is introducing an online times table test for pupils in Year Four. Pupils will be expected to fluently recall multiplication facts up to 12x12.

There are two useful websites which we encourage you to use with their child to practise their multiplication tables. Both of these websites can be accessed for free and are useful tools for improving multiplication fluency. They are as follows:

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/primary-mathematics-times-tables-test-simulator>

<https://komodomath.com/blog/the-38-challeng-make-times-tables-easy>

### **Sale of Tuck**

As a 'healthy school' we do promote healthy options both in our school meals and, hopefully, children's packed lunchboxes and also at snack time. To support this, we regret to inform you that we will be ceasing to sell milk shakes at morning break. They contain high levels of sugar which we feel does not support our healthy eating programme. We would welcome suggestions of suitable healthy alternatives.

Also, due to the potential choking hazard, could you please ensure that grapes are cut in half, lengthways, when sending them in to school for your child.

### **Lost Property**

We already have many items of clothing that have not been found, so ask you to check at home in case your child has brought anything home that belongs to another child by mistake. A number of jumpers belonging to a boy in Year Four Sky have not been found. All were clearly named.

### **Dental and Medical Appointments**

Our attendance records need to show details of all pupils who attend medical appointments, whether at a doctor's surgery, hospital or dentist etc. In order for the correct information to be recorded for all pupils we need to see proof of all appointments. We would, therefore, request you bring proof in (i.e. text message, appointment card/compliment slip or letter from hospital) when your child returns to school, whereupon a copy can be kept in their file. Thank you for your assistance.

### **Home Time Dismissal/Collection Arrangements**

With effect from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October, there will be changes to how we dismiss some classes in Key Stage Two:

Emerald Class will leave via Sunflower Class

Willow Class will leave via Buttercup Class

Ocean, Sky and Sapphire will leave via the back door to the playground

Denim and Mulberry will leave via the rainbow stairs exit

We understand that there may be some occasions when you are unable to collect your child at the end of the school day. We take the safety of all children in school extremely seriously, so will not allow any child to leave school with a different adult without prior permission from yourselves. Could you please also inform the school office and POSH club if your child will not be going to POSH for any reason.

Yours sincerely,

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