



Aston Tower Community Primary School Newsletter

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Year 2 and Year 6 SATs

Good luck to our pupils in Years 2 and 6 who are about to take their SATs tests. We are incredibly proud of how hard they are working and look forward to seeing them do really well. Unless they are really unwell, please make sure your child comes to school everyday. After taking their reading, maths and grammar, punctuation and spelling tests, pupils will also be assessed in their writing. You will hear about the results later in the term.



Grammar School meeting for Year 5 parents

It was good to see over 30 parents attending the grammar school meeting for Year 5 parents. We were pleased to hear from Ms Murrall, Assistant Headteacher from King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls', who talked about the 11 plus exam, the schools that are part of the King Edward Foundation and her school as well. Parents of Year 5 children should have been given the handout from Thursday's meeting. If you want your child to do the test, please remember to register through www.birminghamgrammarschools.org or ask to speak to Mr Hasnat for help.

Election Day

School will be closed on Thursday 3rd May for election day for children in Years Nursery to 5. Year 6 children should come to school as usual but through the parent entrance.

Great attendance

Children's attendance keeps on getting better. A record 137 pupils attended school for every lesson during the Spring term and each received a book to mark their achievement! Please keep on sending your child to school unless they are very unwell. Holidays should not happen in term time.

After school clubs

These clubs are very popular. Children from across the school attend athletics, basketball girls' football, tri-golf, tag rugby, cricket and tennis clubs this half-term. Pupils in Year 6 also come for extra tuition. If your child attends a sports club please make sure you pick them up on time and by no later than 4:20pm.

Knowing your times tables

The government will shortly introduce a new test for children to test their skills in knowing their time tables. We have been approached by the agency designing the test to trial it at Aston Tower. This is a great chance for us to get a sneak preview of the sorts of things our pupils need to be able to do when they take the test. You can help by helping your child know by memory their times tables and division facts. Below is a picture of the designer working with two of our pupils.



Uniform

It is great to see how smartly our pupils dress and come to school in their uniform. Please make sure that pupils also wear black shoes to school which also have flat heels. This will help keep them safe.

Arriving at school in the morning

Please make sure your child arrives at school on time. They should be in the playground by no later than 8:40am. The gates will remain open until 8:50am so if you are late, please bring your child through that gate and not the main entrance. You should do this if you arrive after 8:50am but being this late should be rare.

Appointments

Please remember that you should make appointments for your child to go to the doctors, dentist, or opticians at weekends, after school or during the school holiday. Children should not be taken out of school to attend any of these appointments. If you need to take your child to the hospital, this can be done during the school day but you must show your appointment letter.

Important dates:

- Year 6 SATs week: Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May
- We break up for half-term on Thursday 24th May at the usual time at 3:30pm. We come back to school on Monday 4th June at 8:40am.
- School closes for the summer holiday on Thursday 19th July.