



Dear Parents/Guardians

20 March 2018

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Forthcoming Events

Easter Holiday Club

As you have been made aware previously, we are absolutely delighted and very fortunate to have the **Kick Start Academy** on site during the first week of Easter holiday from the 3 to 6 March 2018. This is a great opportunity for you to access the offer of school holiday sports and activity childcare at an exceptionally good price. Unfortunately, numbers accessing this provision are low and a decision will be made by Wednesday 27 March about whether to run or cancel the provision. If you are interested in booking, then please do so ASAP by contacting KSA on 0121 748 7977 or by email info@thekickstartacademy.co.uk before 27 March, so that a decision can be made regarding this provision taking place. If we can make this a success we will look at providing something similar during the summer holiday period.

Travelling Book Fair at Junior School – Tues 20 to Friday 23 March 2018

This week (TUESDAY TO FRIDAY), the travelling book fair will be visiting the junior school. Parents/guardians may come into the school from **3.45 pm to 4.15 pm**. It will take place in the main hall or reception area. Remember, you are able to use the £1 book vouchers against any books on sale. A booklet advertising this event and some of the books available, have been circulated.

Easter Egg Competition Fun

It's that wonderful time of year! Children are invited to decorate a **hard boiled egg** and bring them into school as part of our Easter fun. Be as creative and imaginative as you can (children not parents!). **Children can start bringing their decorated eggs in from Monday 26 March to Wednesday 28 March.** Prizes will be given to entrants, so please ensure your creations are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Have fun being creative!

Easter Egg Raffle

We are delighted to be able to inform you that our wonderful PTA and children in year 6 have organised an Easter Egg raffle. Children in year 6 will be selling raffle tickets to each class during the mornings **of week commencing Monday 26 March 2018**. If you would like your child to buy a raffle ticket, please send in the **correct money** (50p per ticket) as it may not be possible for them to be given change.

No Football – Thursday 22 and 29 March 2018 – Yrs 5 and 6 – Mr Uppal

Please note there will be **no football** for the remainder of this term (Thursday, 22 March and Thursday 29 March) with Mr Uppal. However, this club will continue after the Easter Holiday, on Thursday 19 April until Thursday 25 May 2018.



Netball Sessions – Summer Term 2018

Letters will be sent out next week regarding next term's netball lessons (Year 6 on Mondays and Years 4 and 5 on Tuesdays). You will need to return your consent slip before we can put your child's name on ParentPay to enable you to pay. Any queries, please contact Miss Jackson.

However, please note that those children in year 6 who have netball lessons on a Monday, will have a lesson on **Monday 16 April 2018** to make up for the session they missed due to the school closure. The new sessions for year 6 (Mondays) and years 4 and 5 (Tuesdays) will commence week beginning 23 April 2018. More details to follow

Sports Relief Day – Friday 23 March 2018

We will be celebrating Sports Relief on Friday 23 March 2018 in school. We will be asking the children to dress up as their favourite sports personality or just wear their own sports kit in school on that day and bring with them a £1 donation towards this charity. We thank you in anticipation of your support.

General Information

Staff Leaver

We are sure that you will join us in passing on our congratulations to Mrs Kath King, a member of our support staff team who has secured promotion to a post at another school. Unfortunately, Mrs King will be leaving us on the last day of this term to start her new post after Easter.

Having worked at our school for 8 ½ years, Mrs King will be missed by us all a great deal. She has been a wonderful member of our staff team and has worked tirelessly in all that she does, ensuring all the children in her care do the very best they can. She always works with enthusiasm and always wants the very best for our school. Our loss is certainly her new school's gain.

We are sure you will wish to join us in congratulating Mrs King on her success and sending her best wishes for the future. Good luck at your new school!!

School Uniform Grant Applications 2018 – Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

We will shortly receive the application forms for the above and will let parents/guardians know when they arrive in the office, either via the newsletter or Parentmail. As there is a short period of time for you to fill in the form and return it to the school, please look out for this information. To be eligible for this grant, families must currently be resident in one of the 4 Sutton Coldfield wards, e.g. New Hall, Vesey, Trinity or Four Oaks and be in receipt of one of the benefits listed on the form. Please note that the form must be filled in on both sides and returned to us, along with evidence of benefit, by **Friday 27 April 2017**.

Dropping off time in the morning

May we remind parents/guardians that children should **not** be dropped off at school until **8.45 am**, when the gate opens to allow children to come into school. ***Up until that time, there is no adult supervision on the school site.*** Registration is at 8.55 am, when children must be in the classroom. Anyone arriving after that time will receive a 'late' mark

Attendance for last week

The winners of our weekly Head Teacher's certificate for the best attendance week ending 16 March 2018 is class 6H. **Whole School Attendance for week ending 16/3/2018 was 96.96%.**

Sports Report

Congratulations to both our Boys' and Girls' football teams as both teams are in the quarter finals of the HMS Shield. The girls' team won 4-1 against Mere Green School on Tuesday, whilst the boys' team beat the Abbey School 5-1 on Friday.

Well done also to the girls' team who entered the West Midlands Primary School 5-a-side Indoor Tournament as representatives of Sutton Coldfield last Saturday morning. The girls did really well, advancing from the group stages but unfortunately losing 3-0 in the semi-finals.

Busy Bodies News – April Booking Forms

April booking forms are due in this **FRIDAY 23rd March**; please ensure that your form and fees are in on time, so that we can enter your children's bookings ready for the following week. Without your booking forms we cannot collect your children. As many parents have differing bookings each month, it is your responsibility to ensure that we can safeguard your children appropriately.

Should you not require any bookings for this month please inform a member of staff.

Voting Day- 3rd May

For all parents/ carers who have already handed in their April booking form, thank you very much. Please also be aware that 3rd May is a voting day and the School will be closed to all pupils. If you have already paid for this date, do not worry as we will deduct this amount from your April fees when we put it onto the Parentpay system, so automatically you will not have to pay for this day.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

PTA

It's nearly Easter and like last year, the PTA will be sending a gift home with every pupil. The fabulous Harvester in Boldmere have donated another amazing prize. One child from every class can win a trip out of school for a very special breakfast. Please read the instructions that accompany the gift to see how your child could get the chance to win. Gifts will come home when the children break up for Easter.

Community News

We have been asked to make you aware of the following:

Communita Café within Age Concern Birmingham have a kids Feast/Craft night from 3.30 pm until 6.00 pm on Wednesdays – address: 76-78 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield B73 5TJ. Your child can create their own masterpiece, whether it be a decorated biscuit, a savoury pitta pocket or using our arts and crafts to create something to take home.

King Edward VI Academy Trust – Five Ways School – Summer Activity Week – for boys and girls in years 4, 5, and 6

For more details regarding the various activity weeks during the Summer Holidays 2018 at Five Ways, please email kefwcommunity@kefw.org . We do have application forms in the school office. Places are limited. The cost is £110 per child per week.

Parent's Wellbeing Programme

This is a six week course to support parents in maintaining their own well being when they are raising a child/children with additional needs.

It is being offered free of charge by the Weaver and Young Foundation as a result of their receiving Lottery Funding. There are a number of places still available for anyone who can attend the six sessions on Thursday evenings 7.00-9.30pm (includes a 30 minute refreshment break) in the community room, The Harvester, Boldmere Road.

The dates are as follows- 19th April, 3rd May, 17th May, 7th June, 21st June, 5th July.
Please contact Jeanette Nicholls to book places (mobile – 07492474472, jeanette.cfm@gmail.com)

Yours sincerely

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