



30th June 2017

Friday 30th June

Year 2 Fun Friday 5-8pm

Monday 3rd July

Year 5 Curriculum Day Alcester Academy

Week beg 3rd July

Sports week

Tuesday 4th July

Sports Day

Monday 10th July

Reserve Sports Day

Tuesday 11th July

Values Church Service whole school & parents (times to be confirmed)

Wednesday 12th July

Year 6 Leavers Concert 9.30am & 7pm

Friday 14th July

Year 6 Prom

Tuesday 18th July

Year 1 Educational Visit to Ryton Pools Country Park

Wednesday 19th July

Optional Parent Evening 3.45-5pm

Friday 21st July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am

Friday 21st July

Break up for Summer

Friday 1st September

Teacher Training Day—school closed

Monday 4th September

Children return to school

Tuesday 5th September

Reception children start school

**Next Newsletter
Friday 14th July**

Year 2 Fun Friday 5-8pm

After school tonight is Fun Friday for our Year 2 children. We hope you all have a fantastic time!

Year 5 Core Curriculum Day

Year 5 are spending Monday 3rd July at Alcester Academy. Members of staff will be walking the children there and back. Please collect from St Nicholas at approximately 3.30pm. School uniform to be worn.

Birthdays - between 1/7 to 7/7 will be celebrated on **7th July**. 8/7 to 1/9 (includes the holidays) will be celebrated on **14th July** in Celebration Assembly.



Year 3 River Walk 26th June

On Monday Year 3 completed fieldwork along the River Arrow looking at its features, wildlife and how it is used. They will be comparing it to the River Nile back in class.

Next week is **Sports Week** in school. Tuesday 4th July is **Sports Day**. Your child should have brought home a letter with details on last week. Please ask at the office if you have not received one. We look forward to seeing you all.

Sports Day Refreshments

On Sports Day The Friends of St Nicholas will be offering Tea, Coffee, Cakes, Squash and Ice Pops coupled with Hook a Duck and Lucky Dip. There will be a raffle too, with some excellent prizes. During lunchtime they will be having a BBQ with the choice of Hot Dogs or Cheese/Beef Burgers. Prices start from £2.00. All proceeds are used to purchase much needed equipment throughout the school, so please support us in any way you can. On a final note, anyone willing to bake cakes/biscuits, please could you drop these off at the office on the day. We greatly appreciate your support in any way you can – thank you very much.

Reminders

School grounds are non smoking—this includes electronic cigarettes.

No alcoholic drinks are to be brought onto the school site. Please remember to put sunscreen on your children in case it is sunny.

Reserve Sports Day is Monday 10th July.

Swimming Relay If your child is chosen for the swimming relay, this will be held on Wednesday 5th July starting at 9.30, finishing at 10am. Parents are welcome to watch - please enter

the pool via the door that opens onto the field at the back of the swimming pool.

Tuesday 11th July

Values Church Service

We look forward to welcoming parents to our church service celebrating our Christian Values. The Infants & Reception starts at 9.30am and the Juniors is at 10.10am

Breakfast Club - important

changes for September 2017. All children who would like a place on Breakfast Club in September need to book onto the online system. This includes children who currently attend this term. Please be aware that:

Price increase £2.00 per child per day.

New start time 8.15am.

A letter with full details, including how to book on, has been sent home with your child today. Please ask at the office if you have not received this.

Drop Box

To ease the congestion and save parents time queuing at the office in the mornings and at the end of the school day, we have installed a red drop box in the foyer. Please use this to deposit notes, letters and any reply slips. Ensure that your child's name is clearly shown and use envelopes as necessary. A supply of envelopes will be available next to the box. Thank you for your understanding.

Year 6—End of Term Events

A letter has gone out to Year 6 parents detailing the Prom, Leavers' Performance, Leavers' Assembly, Year 6 Has Talent and Leavers' book - please ask at the office if you have not received a copy of this letter.

Reports & Optional Parent

Evening

Reports will be sent home on Friday 14th July. There will be an optional Parent Evening on Wednesday 19th July between 3.45 - 5pm. There will be no appointment system, staff will see parents in the order they

arrive in the classroom.

Year 1 Trip to Ryton Pools on 18th

July The children in Year 1 have been given a letter regarding their trip to Ryton Pools Country Park this week. Please ask at the office if you have not received one.

Summer Holidays - Multisport Courses will be run by Dave Geden on the following weeks:

Week 1 24th- 27th July

Week 2 31st - 3rd Aug

Week 4 14th - 17th Aug

Cost £12 per day or £40 for 4 days.

If you are interested please ask at the office.

Summer Tennis Camps

These are being run by Alcester Tennis Club from Mon 24th July - Friday 18th Aug. Book online:



i2ctennis.co.uk/play-tennis/holiday-camps

APP Awareness-Prankdial, Prankster

etc. We have been made aware of an App children are using to make hoax calls, which sound genuine, pretending to be from a variety of companies. They ask for: personal information, request money, are threatening, include verbal abuse and can contain inappropriate language. Many children and adults find them frightening - not in any way funny.

They are not specifically for children. **Group chat (Instagram, Imessage etc)**

In school we seem to be dealing more and more with issues around group chats and text messaging out of school. This is taking up learning time and causing much distress between children.

I urge you to have a discussion about this, highlighting that: there is a 'real' person reading the message, appropriate language should be used, subject choices should be inoffensive. If children feel uncomfortable in a conversation it is important to share this.

Fitbits - we are happy that children want to exercise and keep fit. Whilst not wanting to discourage this, parents should be aware that school can take no responsibility if Fitbits worn are lost or broken.

**Mrs Karen O'Shea
Head of School**

MOVING UP DAY TUESDAY 27TH JUNE

The children had their moving up day this week and made their class teachers very proud. We would also like to thank the year 6 children who were in school for their support with the younger children.



Photos from Year 2 moving up to Year 3

We watched an animation called Oktapodi and wrote the story for it. We then filled silhouettes with pictures of all the things that we like to do.'

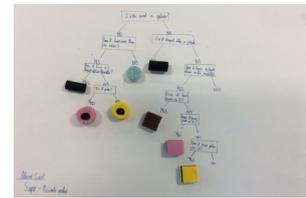


Year 5 moving up to Year 6 conducting sweet science experiments-

What happens when you put an M&M in water?



How can we sort Allsorts?



From one of the children -*'This is the best Science lesson ever'*

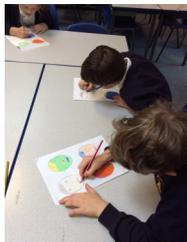
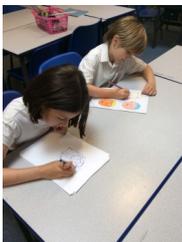
Year 1 moving up to Year 2

The children were learning about India

Some quotes from the children:

'I like the poppadum the best because it has a lovely crunch!'

'I liked the pakora because it was crunchy and yummy! I didn't like the bhaji because it was too spicy and it burnt my tongue.'



Year 4 moving up to Year 5

The children created calligrams (shape poems) and they designed their own portrait in the style of Andy Warhol

RECEPTION

The children spent a morning in Reception getting to know each other and our routines. We listened to the story of 'Elmer' and talked about what makes us special. There were lots of exciting things to explore, creating a patchwork elephant proved to be a popular choice.

