



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

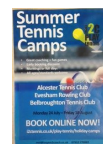
arrive in the classroom.

**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](http://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.

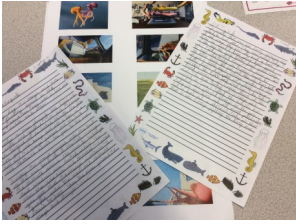
I urge you to have a discussion about this, highlighting that: there is a 'real' person reading the message, appropriate language should be used, subject choices should be inoffensive. If children feel uncomfortable in a conversation it is important to share this.

**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.'

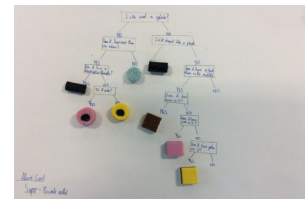


### **Year 5 moving up to Year 6 conducting sweet science experiments-**

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'*

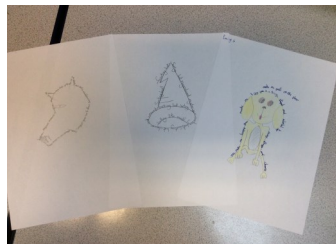
### **Year 1 moving up to Year 2**

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.

