

The Oval School

Newsletter – May 2016

Important School Safety Request

We are all aware of how important children's safety is especially at the very busy times when they are coming into school at the start of the day and leaving the site at the end of the day.

It has been noticed recently, however, the amount of children who are not being sufficiently supervised by the adults they are with. For example, children have been seen climbing up the school fence and even standing atop of the gates that swing open and shut – the school perimeter fence has spikes running along the top so allowing children to climb up and stand on it could potentially be extremely dangerous. Children (including a nursery pupil) have also been seen wandering out of the main front gate on their own after not being properly supervised.

Nobody wants to see a child involved in an accident, or indeed go missing, so please ensure children are supervised by an adult so that we can work together to ensure all children are kept safe and out of harm's way at all times. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Sunny Weather

Now that our summer seems to have arrived and the temperature is rising and the sun's strength is increasing please remember these important points:

- send your child with their water bottle each day so they drink plenty and keep hydrated
- apply sun cream at home before leaving for school and send your child with their sun hat to wear

Medicines In School

Following guidelines, school is only permitted to administer medication that has been prescribed by a GP. If your child needs to take such medication in school then a form must be completed on the first day that you bring the medication into school. The form is obtainable from the school office and needs only be completed on the first day of the course of medication. On each day of the course of medication please make sure you hand it to and collect it from the office and not your child's class teacher.

Please remember that school is not permitted to administer any medication that has been bought over-the-counter and which has not been prescribed by your GP.

Half-Term Holiday

Don't forget that school is closed for May half-term holiday from Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June 2016 inclusive. We look forward to welcoming everyone safely back to school on Monday 6 June 2016.

Author Visit

On Tuesday 24 May, pupils in key stage 2 were very fortunate to have a visit from the children's award-winning author, Billy Bob Buttons, who has had 13 books published. The pupils enjoyed taking part in workshops where they learnt all about planning and characters in books and then had the chance to meet Billy on a one-to-one basis to ask questions and purchase a signed book from him. If you would like to buy a copy of any of his published books please ask at the school office for an order form.



School Closed To All Pupils On Thursday 23 June 2016

Please be aware that school is closed to all pupils on this day as the site will be used as a polling station for the EU referendum.

Listen To What Some Of Our Pupils Have To Say . . .

Year 3 pupils went on an exciting visit to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery recently:

"When we went to National Birmingham Museum recently to learn about ancient Egypt, a kind lady showed us artefacts. The objects were very fragile. It was a very good experience and if I ever go back again I would." by Kiyara-Louise in 3.2

"At the trip we saw statues of the Gods and their weapons and learnt about the afterlife at Birmingham Museum." by Le'Arno in 3.2

"We learnt how to mummify people when we went to Birmingham Museum. We had to take out the lungs, liver, brain, stomach and intestines. The heart stayed in because it had to be weighed." by Sienna in 3.2

Year 4 pupils recently visited Harvington Hall:

"I enjoyed when we got to open the wall and entered it and we also had to be quiet. We got to be a cook and we all got given names like Shephard and cowered." by Noah in 4.3

"I liked the priest hides when you hide in them. At the end we had to dress up as rich people and poor people!" by Maryam in 4.3

German News



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At The Oval School we are aiming to create a love of learning foreign languages and part of this entails making our German lessons as enjoyable and interactive as possible. You may have already heard your child perform or talk about some of the games, songs, chants and celebrations that we have introduced into German lessons. As part of school's commitment to German, all parents of key stage 2 pupils (years 3 – 6) have been invited to come in to watch and take part in a German lesson with their child. These special lessons which are being taught by Mr Sullivan (school's German teacher) will be taking place between 7 – 9 June 2016 and will last for 30 minutes. A separate letter has already been sent to all pupils who have German lessons detailing the specific date and time for each class and I really hope that you will be able to come and join in with these fun, exciting and informative lessons with your child.



Dear The Oval Primary

Congratulations! We thought that your Grandparent Gardening blog was so brilliant we have selected you as prize winners of our national blogging competition!

It was fantastic to read all about your day. We especially liked hearing about your team of super grans and their quotes from the day.

To help your garden become even more bountiful we have included a collection of seeds for your pupils to plant. We have also enclosed a pair of tickets to BBC Gardener's World Live to treat two of your fantastic volunteers as a reward for all their hard work. We'd love to hear if they enjoyed the event. Perhaps they could even write a special guest blog about it on your Food for Life school portal?

Congratulations once again,
The Food for Life team

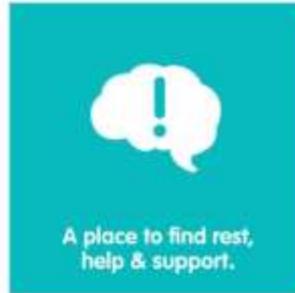
[Bake For The Queen – Tuesday 24 May 2016](#)

Some members of staff at The Oval were very busy on this morning helping to put up bunting and decorations and prepare for an afternoon tea party fit for the Queen's 90th birthday and to launch the 'Love British Food Bake For The Queen' competition which we shall be taking part in. Pupils had been asked to design and decorate a selection of healthy cakes representing the Queen's 90 wonderful years!

Very special guests came along to join us for the day to report on the festivities – a reporter and representative from Love British Food and also a photographer from The Daily Telegraph. Staff and pupils were interviewed with many photographs taken as well. You will be able to see the pictures and read all about this wonderful day in **The Sunday Telegraph on Sunday 5 June 2016.**



Pause.



Hello, how are you?

Sometimes that question feels a bit hard to answer, doesn't it?

At times we don't know where to turn. Exams, friends, socialising, money, family...life can get a bit difficult to manage at times, so where do you go and who do you talk to?

We can help you.

Pause is are a part of Forward Thinking Birmingham, a new initiative to help support 0-25 year olds with emotional health and wellbeing. We are a city centre drop in service, based in **21 Digbeth**, right by the Bullring.

We have a supportive, friendly team of counsellors, therapists, youth and community workers on board to help. You can be sure that you'll receive a friendly and confidential service, no appointment needed, no waiting times...just a good chat, over a good cup of tea, within a safe space.

Drop in to Pause. A space to talk about real life and feelings.

Children's Learning

You will have read this message on the previous newsletter but unfortunately school is continuing to experience a large number of disturbances throughout the day which is affecting pupils' important learning in class. This is mainly due to the following reasons:

- ***Pupils are being taken out of school to attend routine medical / optician appointments.***
Please endeavour to make all such appointments during holiday times, weekends or at the end of the school day. School is aware that some appointments are emergencies and do need to take place during the school day. In all cases, please provide school with a copy of your child's appointment card / letter in advance so that they can be released from class with as little disturbance as possible.
- ***Pupils are not bringing with them to school in the morning everything that they need for their day.***
Please send all glasses, lunchboxes, water bottles, PE kits, homework, musical instruments etc etc etc with your child when they come into school so they do not need to be disturbed in class during the day and have their, and their classmates', learning interrupted.

A big thank you for your co-operation to help us ensure all pupils attain their very best every day.

Parking Health And Safety Issue

You will have read messages from school on numerous newsletters requesting consideration for our neighbours and health and safety issues when parking in the local area.

Unfortunately, these messages do not seem to have eased the problems and now, disappointingly, school has been contacted by Birmingham City Council to voice their concerns over the number of complaints received about highways safety issues around our school premises. This continuing behaviour is of serious concern to vulnerable pedestrians who find it difficult to make their way around inappropriately parked vehicles leading to them, at times, having to endanger themselves by walking in the road due to the footway or driveway being blocked by parked cars. The local MP has now also become involved in this issue due to the concern felt by local residents too.

Birmingham City Council has asked school to remind you that it is an offence under The Highways Act 1980 to obstruct the public highway - this includes parking vehicles in such a way as to endanger the free passage of pedestrians or where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct other road users.

Please be aware that the police are responsible for enforcement and will be requested to take appropriate action to ensure safety for all users of the public highway is maintained.

Use Of Inappropriate Language In The Playground

A number of parents have complained recently to school and its governors about bad language being used by adults in the school playground at the beginning and end of the school day. Clearly this is unacceptable and **I must ask that all parents speak appropriately when on school site.** Swearing in the school playground cannot be tolerated under any circumstances and your co-operation is appreciated.

[The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations . . .](#)

Pupils will be celebrating the Queen's official 90th birthday in school on Friday 24 June 2016 and you will receive some more news about this closer to the time. But, for now, cast your mind back to Easter and our egg decorating competition with the Queen's birthday as its theme. Here are the winners:

3.1 – Chloe; 3.2 – Lucy; 3.3 – Harrison; 4.1 – Ruby; 4.2 – Lewis; 4.3 – Darnell; 5.1 – Madison; 5.2 – Sophie; 5.3 – Saniya; 6.1 – Zainab; 6.2 – Elisha; 6.3 – Daniel

[Tucasi \(Scopay.com\) Online Payments](#)



We are pleased to announce that from Monday 13 June, school will be moving to on-line payments for dinners, uniform and trips.

You will receive a letter after half term with your personalised Link Code with details on how to open your secure Tucasi Scopay.com account. Your account will allow you to check balances for dinner money and trips and to make payments to the school. You can use your account for other tasks such as checking your child's meal history, reprinting receipts and updating your contact details.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact the school office.

[Nursery Places For September 2016](#)

School has a limited number of nursery places available for this September so if you have a child born between 01 September 2012 – 31 August 2013 and have not yet secured them a place please contact the school office. Please also pass this to any friends or family who have children of this age.

[Data Checking Sheets](#)

Thank you to all parents who have checked and returned their child's data checking sheet whether it needed amending or not. If you have not yet done this please do so as a matter of urgency – remember that school can only get in touch with you if you keep us up-dated with your latest contact information (landline, mobile, email address). Thank you.

[School Uniform](#)

As we are fast approaching the end of this academic year, you may want to think about getting your order in for your child's uniform ready for September to avoid that last minute rush!

[Looking For Something Fun To Do In The Holidays?](#)

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at CTC Kingshurst Academy

Holiday Club for children aged 5-12 years

**A brand new, fun and exciting holiday club
opening in North Solihull**

Whitsun half term Tuesday 31st May – Friday 3rd June 2016
8.30am – 5.30pm every day

Children can choose from a menu of 20 different activities including; Mission Impossible, Boxercise, Outdoor Adventures, Treasure Quest, Beauty School, Master Chef, Bling and many more

**2016 dates - North Solihull,
CTC Kingshurst Academy:**

Whitsun half term 31st May – 3rd June 2016

Summer holidays 25th July – 26th August 2016

October half term 24th October – 28th October 2016

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www.fun-fest.co.uk

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Visit our website to download a full timetable of activities

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Time Table for 5-7 years Tuesday 31st May – Friday 3rd June

Tuesday 31 st		Wednesday 1 st		Thursday 2 nd		Friday 3 rd	
AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Dodgeball & Rounders	Crafty Creations	Cupcake Heaven	Outdoor Adventures	Creative Cooks	Mission Impossible	Boxercise Kids	Fun Day Friday
Beauty School	Treasure Quest	Wacky Races	Messy Mayhem	Mini Olympics	Cra-Z-Loom Bands	Superheroes & Princesses	Fun Day Friday

Time Table for 8-12 years Tuesday 31st May – Friday 3rd June

Tuesday 31 st		Wednesday 1 st		Thursday 2 nd		Friday 3 rd	
AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Dodgeball & Rounders	Crafty Creations	Cupcake Heaven	Outdoor Adventures	Master Chef	Mission Impossible	Boxercise Kids	Fun Day Friday
Beauty School	Treasure Quest	Athletics	Messy Mayhem	Cricket & Tennis	Cra-Z-Loom Bands	BLING	Fun Day Friday

Open 8.30am-5.30pm every day

Full day £27.50. Half day £15. Sibling discount available.

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Sat 9th July, 10.15am - 4pm
www.hodgehillcarnival.org.uk
twitter: @HHCarnival facebook: HodgeHillCarnival

Performances
on field behind Colebourne
Primary School B34 6BJ



Sat 9th July, 'The Big Day'
10.15am Parade starts
(leaving Colebourne, walking via
Hunters Moon, Coleshill Rd, Fox & Goose,
Stechford Lane & Stechford Rd)
10.30am Carnival site opens
(field behind Colebourne Primary School)
11.15am Stage performances begin
4pm Carnival closes

Volunteers briefing session
Thursday 30th June, 6pm

We need YOU!

- Join the parade!
(bands, dancers, or decorate a walking 'mini-float')
- Perform on the stage!
(singers, musicians, dancers, drummers, jugglers, actors, poets, story-tellers...)
- Bring a table-top stall!
£20-30 each (reduced for voluntary orgs)
- Book a car boot space!
£7 per car, in advance (£10 on the day)
- Volunteer!

Book online...
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phone: 0121 675 8500 option 2