



October 2016 Newsletter

**PLEASE NOTE - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2016 - TEACHING TRAINING DAY**



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photo's will be taking place on Wednesday 16th November 2016. Please ensure all children are in full school uniform. Pre-school children with siblings in school may have their photos taken between 8.30am and 9.00am.

Botanical Gardens Trip

Our Year 2 pupils recently went on a trip to the Botanical Gardens, we have received a fabulous letter from their education manager thanking our pupils for their excellent behaviour. Please take a moment to read the letter below;



School Attendance

We are always working hard to improve overall school attendance. Please make yourselves familiar with our attendance policy which is available on the school website.



Spare clothes for Nursery and Reception pupils

If your child is a Nursery or Reception pupil can you please send in a spare set of underwear and a change of clothes in case of toilet accidents.

German News

At the end of last year, Elizabeth Wells and 4 boys from King Edward VI Camp Hill visited The Oval School for an MFL enrichment event. Elizabeth and the boys put the Oval pupils through their paces with a 'last man standing' skills session where they had to follow commands such as 'springt', dreht nach links/rechts', 'langsam', 'schnell' and 'Hand auf den Boden'.

After the skills session, the children played football matches with their new vocabulary and no English allowed. The games were competitive and shouts of 'der Ball bitte', 'Schießen' and 'Tor' were repeatedly used as the children managed to play their football matches completely auf Deutsch.

The Midlands German Network wrote an article about the visit, please click here to view <http://bit.ly/29UxEUm>

The article also features a link to the lip-sync music video that Year 6 children performed at the end of last year <http://bit.ly/29SN9MA>



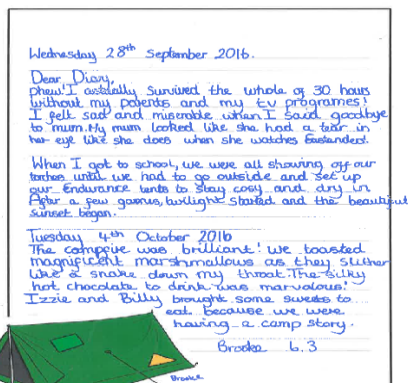
Safe Parking

A polite reminder to all parents that no parking is permitted on the school site when collecting or dropping off children. Also can parents please park safely and be aware of all children and their safety in the surrounding areas.



Year 6 camping fun!!

Year 6 recently camped on the school site, as you can see from the pictures and comments below they had a great time!!



Tucasi (Scopay.com) Online Payments

On-line payments for dinners and uniform can be made using the link

www.scopay.com/theovalprimaryschool-bham

We would also like to encourage all parents to join Tucasi as communications such as newsletters and emergency closures will be sent via Tucasi. Letters with instructions on how to do this will follow shortly.

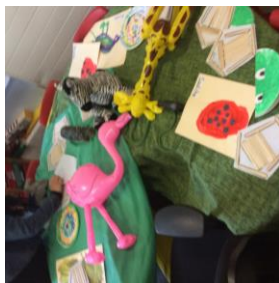
If you have any questions regarding this please contact the school office.



Year 1 activities

On Thursday 13th October Year 1 held their first (of many) art galleries. The children presented their art work related to Noah's ark. There were collages, finger painting, paper plate art and delicious gingerbread houses. Thank you to all of the parents and carers for coming along. As it was so successful we will do this at the end of each topic.

Year 1 also took a trip around Yardley to look at different houses. They spotted evergreen and deciduous trees as part of our topic. Thank you to all of the children for behaving themselves and walking very sensibly across the busy roads of Yardley.



EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES

Please note that all school closures will be notified on the local radio station or on the following websites.

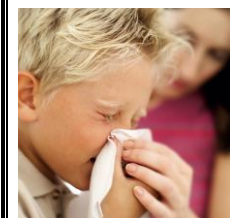
- <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/weather-disruption>
- or **ideally** make sure you are registered with Tucasi and you will receive a text informing you of any closures.



FLU ADVICE

Please note the following advice as provided by the Health Protection Agency:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water and dry thoroughly
- Avoid touching surfaces/handles and then touching your face
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing/coughing and dispose of in a bin - 'CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT'
- For further information and advice visit www.nhs.uk or www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk



School Dinners

- School Dinner Money is £10.75 per week
- Nursery Dinner Money is £3.70 per week
- No change will be given
- Please check free school meal eligibility on the school website under Parents/Lunches

CONTACT NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

We would be very grateful if you could ensure the office is kept up-to-date with any changes of telephone numbers. Also if you haven't already can you please provide the office with a valid email address. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS DATES

Below are a list of important Christmas dates for your diary;

- o 13th December (pm) - Year 4 Music concert and electives
- o 13th December (pm) - Robins Christmas production
- o 14th December (pm) - Years 5 and 6 Christmas production
- o 15th December (am) - Reception Christmas production
- o 15th December (pm) - Sparrows Christmas production
- o 15th December (pm) - Years 3 and 4 Christmas production
- o 16th December (am) - Years 1 and 2 Christmas production

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Friday 9th December

Our Christmas fayre will take place on the above date from 3.45 till 6.00pm. A letter will be coming home after half term with more details.



Diwali Lunch

We are holding a Diwali themed lunch on Thursday 3rd of November; you should have received a letter home regarding this. £2.15 is payable for sandwich eaters who wish to have a Diwali lunch.



YEAR 6 FOOTBALL

Last Thursday matches on 6th October were the first home matches of the season, against Parkfield School and Colborne School. The scores were fab; The Oval School v Parkfield [1-0] and The Oval School v Colborne [1-1]. Below are some player reviews of these matches:

Izzie Whittick 6.3 says: "All of the games were good and they were all tough but there were no arguments. Everyone listened to the teachers and listened to the referee so that there were no problems so there weren't any arguments with the referee. The players in the squad are Izzie, Bradley, Harley, Dolton, Josh, Darren, Reegan, Ibrahim, Zeeshan, Dene'Co, Sam. We all played in the game."

Harley Brierley 6.1 says: "We played a match with two different schools and drew one and won one. Bradley scored one and Dolton scored one also. We played at our school, we played in our kit and Izzie set up both of the amazing goals."

Thursday 13th October we played against Lyndon Green (at Lyndon Green school) we dominated the game but sadly lost 3-1. We also played Highfield school which we won 2-1, making The Oval **top of the league** so far, which is amazing, well done team!!!

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2016	
Open To Staff	Monday 5 September 2016 (teacher day - no pupils)
Open To Pupils	Tuesday 6 September 2016
Closed To All	Friday 21 October 2016 at end of the school day
Half-Term	Monday 24 - Friday 28 October 2016 (school closed to staff and pupils)
Open To Staff	Monday 31 October 2016 (teacher day - no pupils)
Open To Pupils	Tuesday 1 November 2016
Closed To All	Friday 16 December 2016 at end of the school day
Christmas	Monday 19 December 2016 - Monday 2 January 2017 (school closed to staff and pupils)
Spring Term 2017	
Open To Staff	Tuesday 3 January 2017 (teacher day - no pupils)
Open To Pupils	Wednesday 4 January 2017
Closed To All	Friday 17 February 2017 at end of the school day
Half-Term	Monday 20 - Friday 24 February 2017 (school closed to staff and pupils)
Open To All	Monday 27 February 2017
Closed To All	Friday 7 April 2017 at end of the school day
Easter	Monday 10 - Friday 21 April 2017 (school closed to staff and pupils)
Summer Term 2017	
Open To All	Monday 24 April 2017
Closed To All	Monday 1 May 2017 (May Day)
Closed To All	Friday 26 May 2017 at end of the school day
Half-Term	Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June 2017 (school closed to staff and pupils)
Open To All	Monday 5 June 2017
Please be aware there are a further 2 teacher days to be organised for the academic year 2016 - 2017 and you will be informed of these dates	

