

Bloxwich Bugle

Bloxwich Brilliant



Friday 20th April 2018

Message from the Headteacher

A very warm welcome back to the start of term 3 at the primary school. And 'warm' is certainly what we have returned to. It's always lovely to see the sun shining but as ever, we want to make sure your children are 'sun safe' so please do take note of the information contained below.



This term is a busy one in school particularly for our year 2 and 6 children with their SATs assessment weeks drawing ever closer. Please ensure all children are in school on time every day so that they don't miss a second of their learning. We appreciate your support with this.

Mrs J Gray, Head Teacher

Sun safety

It has been great to have some sun this week, and we want the children to be able to enjoy sunny weather while they are at school.

We do, however want to ensure that they are safe in the sun. Please could you support us with the following:

- Encourage your child to bring a sun hat or cap to school to wear during breaktimes.
- Children in years 1-6 may bring sun cream into school. This should be in a clearly labelled bottle and they must apply it themselves. Reception and nursery will notify parents separately of their arrangements.



- Children must bring a bottle of plain water with them to school daily. This is to help them re-hydrate and be able to concentrate in class.

For further advice, please refer to NHS guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/livewell/skin/pages/sunsafer.aspx>

EVERY SECOND COUNTS!



In order for children to succeed they need to be in school every day on time because 'every second counts'. In the primary school we are working hard to raise attendance figures so that they are in line with the national figure of 96%.

Please see below the attendance figures for this week.

- Morning Nursery = 90%
- Afternoon Nursery = 73.8%
- Reception Blue class = 87.7%
- Reception Yellow class = 86%
- 1 Tipton = 92.3%
- 1 Bilston = 76%
- 2 Cradley = 94.7%
- 2 Dudley = 93.1%
- 3 Walsall = 94.7%
- 3 Sandwell = 95%**
- 4 Halesowen = 91%
- 4 Oldbury = 94.5%
- 5 Blackheath = 92.9%
- 5 Stourbridge = 88%
- 6 Smethwick = 91.4%
- 6 Wednesbury = 90%



Well done to **3 Sandwell** with the highest attendance! Let's see if you can make it to 96% next week.

Ms D Mardner, Deputy Head Teacher



Spotlight on... year 3



Spring has sprung in year 3 this week – children have commenced a new Science topic in which they are finding out about what plants need to grow well. Seeds have been planted in pots in different locations around the classroom (and the fridge!), and children are excited to find out which ones grow most successfully!

Additionally, pupils have been investigating some strange goings-on... some photographs of an alien visitor were shown to the children, who have consequently been acting as reporters to find out what is happening, and writing newspaper reports about their enquiries.



Mrs C Friend and Miss K Brown, class teachers



Fire Engine Visit

I'm sure your children informed you we had a very exciting if slightly unplanned visit by a fire engine this week! As sometimes happens, we had a minor issue in school and a quick-thinking member of staff sounded the alarm as a precaution. I was very proud of the swift evacuation of the entire building, which took less than 3 minutes.

The issue was promptly resolved and the children enjoyed a little bit of extra playtime as a result before going back into school to complete their day.

Message from the Head Boy and Head Girl



We would both like to start by welcoming you back after your Easter break.

The Spring term was very busy – children throughout the school worked very hard in their lessons, and had some fun along the way.

We were glad to have a rest over the Easter break, but we are also happy to be back and completing our final preparation for SATS. This term will be very busy for us in year 6, as well as for children in the rest of the school, who will be completing a range of assessments.

As you can see from the picture above, it's not just a busy time for year 6. Even the younger children have lots of things to do and learn about.

We always value your time working with the youngest classes in the school.

So, our message this week to everyone is to work hard, because it will be worth it!

Klaudia, Head Girl

Ryan, Head Boy

Dates for your diary

Monday 16th April 2018: first pupil day of Summer term

May 2018: Year 2 SATS testing period

Monday 14th May 2018 - Thursday 17th May 2018: Year 6 SATS tests

Friday 25th May 2018: final pupil day of Summer 1 half term

Monday 4th June 2018: first pupil day of Summer 2 half term

Friday 20th July 2018: final pupil day of academic year