



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Autumn 2022-Issue 80

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first week of October has seen Year 3 enjoying their Stoneage Workshop in which a Stone Age settlement appeared in our school grounds overnight! Children took part in a workshop with Memma the Cavewoman and created their own cave paintings. This links to Year 3's current history topic on 'Changes in Britain from Stone Age to Iron Age'.

Yesterday was National Poetry Day which teachers marked in classrooms by sharing a favourite poem. Next week's English lessons will further mark the occasion through learning opportunities based on this year's poetry theme of the environment. Children will be reading and interpreting poetry and presenting their work for display, which parents will be able to see when you visit us for parents evening in November.

We have had a number of families trying to make contact with individual teachers through Seesaw. If you would like to get a message to the class teacher, the best way to do that is to e-mail Enquiry@ for the attention of your child's class teacher. The office staff will then ensure that your message is sent to the teacher and that they respond in some way, whether that be in writing, over the phone or in person at pick up time.

We look forward to the next couple of weeks before half-term, which will include Year 1 walking around the local area, the BCMG music project in Y5, individual photos for whole school and teachers setting children's learning targets.

Until then, have a wonderful weekend!

Jess Mattocks
Interim Head Teacher

DATES FOR DIARIES

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| Fri 14 Oct | PTA Quiz Night |
| Wed 19 Oct | Parent Workshop "Helping your child to be their best – at home & at school" |
| Thu 20 Oct | Individual School Photos |
| Fri 21 Oct | Individual School Photos <i>Pupils Break up for half term</i> |
| Mon 31 Oct | <i>Pupils return to school</i> |
| Tue 1 Nov | Y4 Diwali Workshop |
| Wed 2 & Thu 3 Nov | Parents' Evening |
| Fri 4 Nov | Diwali Celebration |
| Tue 8 Nov | PTA KS2 Discos |
| Mon 14 Nov | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Thu 17 Nov | Prospective Parent Open Morning Y6 Parents' SATS workshop |
| Fri 18 Nov | Children in Need |
| Thu 24 Nov | Prospective Parent Open Afternoon |
| Fri 25 Nov/Fri 2 & 9 Dec | Y5 BCMG Workshop |
| Sat 3 Dec | PTA Xmas Fair |
| Mon 5 Dec | Yr 2 Edgmond Hall Residential |
| Tue 6 Dec | Y4 Theatre Trip Y6 Greek Parthenon Workshop |
| Fri 9 Dec | KS1 Christmas play St Francis Church |
| Sat 10 Dec | Choir Concert at St Francis Church 3pm |
| Fri 16 Dec | Christmas Parties <i>Pupils Break up for half term</i> |

Gate Timings

Our school day starts at 8.50am when registers are submitted, and learning begins for all children. The gates are open from 8.40am to allow children time to come in, hang up coats and bags and get themselves into the classroom and ready to learn by this time.

If a child arrives at or after 8.50am, parents are asked to sign them in at the main office to ensure that they are registered as present in school. This may mean that a late mark is recorded as the child is not in the classroom ready to learn by 8.50am.

Punctuality is monitored weekly, along with attendance data, and there may be communication from the Attendance Team to keep you informed.

Please be assured that we are here to support families in any way we can to ensure attendance and punctuality is as good as it can be. Please contact the school office and ask to speak to Miss Abrahams or Mrs Carter in confidence about Early Help.

Y3 Stoneage Workshop

On Thursday, Y3 were delighted to welcome some Stone Age visitors from Prehistoric Experiences. Overnight, a huge tent appeared on the school grounds, and some amazing things were waiting inside! The children learned about the chronology of the Stone Age, saw some artefacts first hand and got the chance to learn from and speak to some authentic Stone Age people! The children had a wonderful time with all the activities, enriching our English, History and Art learning.





Developing Local Provision

Developing Local Provision is a two-year project which aims to develop and improve provision, progress and outcomes for children and young people with additional needs or Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in mainstream schools across Birmingham. The project is producing encouraging results across the city in the early stages of implementation. The attached newsletter gives an overview of the project from a city-wide perspective:

https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DLP-Newsletter_Parent_Carers.pdf

Road Safety

Scooters – please keep a careful eye on young children on scooters on the school run. There have been a couple of near misses on driveways around school. Just a reminder to parents that we ask children to “walk our wheels” on the school site.

Music News

Young Voices, Friday 27th January 2023 - **The deadline for replies is Wednesday 16th October. Late replies will not be accepted.** If we have spaces available, these will only be offered to Y4 siblings.

Lost Property

We have a growing pile of lost property – please ensure that all your child’s items are clearly labelled so that we can get them back to the correct children. Please also encourage your child to take responsibly for their belongings.



Now that the children are back and have settled into their new year groups and classes, we would like to continue to build upon our playground provision. In school we will be forming a 'Play Team'. This will be made up of children from year groups two to six and will include children in year one from the Spring Term. They will be instrumental in decision making on new areas for the playground, supporting the adult play team outside, contributing to our Opal Newsletter and eventually sharing news in our assemblies.

Over the last year, we have built and opened many different areas in the playground. Our sandpit has seen lots of visitors, especially in the summer months, and will remain open on dry days. Mr Carter and Mr Heath worked hard on our mud kitchen and music wall and the children have enjoyed making mud pies and (noisy) music! Unfortunately, during the summer break, our mud kitchen was damaged, but Mr Carter is working on repairs to open it again soon! We also received an exciting delivery from Copper Beech Play who hand build natural play equipment for our children to enjoy. As well as it being a popular space to play, it has also provided a perfect spot for sharing stories, art lessons and moments of reflection.

Some of you may have also noticed that the car park near Elizabeth building is no more. In this area, we will be building a sensory garden; work will start on this soon. We were also kindly donated a boat and will be developing ideas to provide another play area for children using this. Last year, we asked for donations towards our project and my goodness, you delivered. We were/are so grateful for all of your support – thank you!

We have now had a shed built to house some of the smaller toys. As we move onto the next phase of our project, we are hoping to extend this storage. It will house 'loose parts' storage for the children to access and tidy away independently, ensuring that all play is child-led and further enforcing our school value of responsibility. Below is a list of things that we need and would once again, be very grateful for any help you can offer:

- Boards, old cabinet doors, panels
- Briefcases
- Wheelbarrows
- Cable drums
- Foam pipe covers and noodles
- Guttering
- Hoses
- Keyboards and phones
- Metal pots, pans, trays etc.
- Office removal crates
- Old (adult) jackets, overalls, hats, bags
- Old household appliances, hoovers, fax machines, microwaves

- One-ton empty rubble bags
- Pallets
- Planks, decking
- Plastic chairs
- Plastic trugs and bins
- Ropes
- Wheels, small, medium and large!
- Small wheelie bins
- Steering wheels
- Tarpaulin
- Tubes – of all kinds
- Wooden blocks and off cuts
- Books, for all ages but especially ages 8 and above.

If you or anyone you know have connections with a trade and are able to provide any of the above, then we would be really happy to hear from you. Also, if you can offer any practical skills and can spare some of your time and expertise to build play equipment on site, we would be very grateful. Please make contact with Miss Casey or Mr Evans via the school office.

Later this year, we look forward to giving you the opportunity to see how Opal works for yourself and have some fun with your children!

PTA News

School Uniform Shop - The school shop is next open on **Wednesday 12th October**; we will be at the school Bus at pick up. If you have any school uniform that is in a good used condition and has been washed, you can drop it with any teacher at drop off or pick up, you don't have to wait for the shop to be open.

The shop is '*pay what you feel*' you can pay in cash or by card.

Quiz night- Friday 14th October - The school quiz is taking place next Friday, **the deadline for entering your team is midnight Wednesday 12th October**, please use the order form here to register-

<https://bournvillehsa.wordpress.com/event-booking-forms/2022-quiz/>

What you need to know about the quiz...

£10 per person

Maximum of 10 people per team

George Hall opens at 19.00, fish and chips served at 19.30

Bring your own booze

The night features a quiz, sit down bingo, prizes, fun and games!

Strictly grown ups only!

Advance Warning...

Christmas Cards designs... children will be supported in school to design their own Christmas cards/placemats/present tags and mugs ready for you to order online

School discos Tuesday 8th November – school disco for years 2 and 3 at 15.30 and years 4, 5 and 6 at 18.00 details of how to book and volunteer to follow.

3rd Dec 2022 – Christmas Fair 11 – 3pm – Santa, Tombola, Christmas Café, Craft, Games, Stalls. If you are, or know another Parent that is a designer/maker that wishes to have a stall please fill in and submit the form here <https://bournvillehsa.wordpress.com/event-booking-forms/christmas-fayre>

Regards, David, Sarah, Veronica and the rest of the PTA team.

International Walk to School Month



Saturday 1 October – Monday 31 October

This October will see the return of Living Streets' Walk to School month, the theme this year is #WalkToSchoolStories. Whether you're walking to school with your children or grandchildren now, or sharing a memory from your own childhood, Living Streets would love to hear your story!

[Share your walk to school story](#)

Birmingham's Active Travel Challenge

Coming soon

The Birmingham Active Travel Challenge, an app that will encourage children and adults to form greener, healthier travel habits.

Shortly being able to download the app in the Apple or Google Play app stores, and start recording your journeys. You will gain points for every trip you make via walking, cycling, scooting or public transport. Track your progress on the leader boards and at the end of each week, there will be a prize draw!

[Find out more about the Active Travel Challenge](#)

KEEPING FOOTBALL FUN!

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Term Time Only

| Wheelers Lane Technology College (Kings Heath) | | |
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| Class Year | Time | Day |
| Reception | 9:30 - 10:40 (AM) | Saturday |
| Year 1 & 2 | 9:30 - 10:40 (AM) | Saturday |
| Year 3 & 4 | 9:30 - 10:40 (AM) | Saturday |
| Year 5 - 7 | 10:50 - 12:00 (AM) | Saturday |
| Girls Only Year 4 & 6 | 10:50 - 12:00 (AM) | Saturday |
| Year 1 - 3 | 4:30 - 5:40 (PM) | Tuesday |
| Year 4 - 6 | 4:30 - 5:40 (PM) | Tuesday |
| Year 4 - 6 | 4:15 - 5:15 (PM) | Friday |
| Year 7 & 8 | 4:15 - 5:15 (PM) | Friday |
| Home Education Session (Kings Heath Park) | | |
| Year 1 - 6 | 11:00 - 12:15 (PM) | Thursday |

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