

KNOWN DATES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Mon 2nd Jan 2017 BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 3rd Jan Pupils return to School
Tues 3rd Jan Reception Trip to Town Hall
Tues 10th Jan 50th Anniversary Assembly
Thurs 12th Jan Year 4 Dragonese Day
Mon 23rd Jan 5-6 Snowdome Y5/Y6
Fri 27th Jan 9.00 2KT Class Assembly
Mon 30th Jan 4-6 Snowdome Y5/Y6
Fri 3rd Feb 9.00 2S Class Assembly
Sat 4th Feb Swimming Gala at Stechford Pool
Mon 6th Feb 2.00 Reception PSED Workshop
Tues 7th Feb 4-6 Snowdome Y5/Y6
Weds 8th Feb 2.00 Reception PSED Workshop
PTA Film Night
Mon 13th Feb a.m Reception Inspire Workshop
Tues 14th Feb a.m Reception Inspire Workshop
Weds 15th Feb Parents Evening
Thurs 16th Feb Parents Evening
Fri 17th Feb Pupils break up for Half Term

Mon 27th Feb Pupils return to School
SEN Reviews this week
Fri 3rd March Y5 and Y6 leave for Ski Trip
Fri 10th March 9.00 4M Class Assembly
Sat 11th March Ski Trip Return
Mon 13th Mar 2.00 Reception Comm/Lang Workshop
Fri 17th March 9.00 3CH Class Assembly
2.00 Reception Comm/Lang Workshop
Mon 20th March Year 6 Inspire Workshop

Tues 21 March 2.00 Year 1 (both classes) Inspire Workshop
Weds 22nd Mar Year 6 Inspire Workshops

Fri 24th March 9.00 5W Class Assembly
Red Nose Day
Tues 28 Mar 9.00 2S Inspire Workshop
Tues 28 Mar Reception Hearing Tests
Weds 29th Mar 9.00 2KT Inspire Workshop
Fri 31 March 9.00 Year 1 Assembly
Tues 4th April Academy Photos - Class Groups
Leavers, Music
Weds 5th April Academy Photos – Sports Groups
Weds 5th April Reception Trip to Birches Valley
Fri 7th April 9.00 Year 1 Assembly
Pupils break up for Easter
Sat 8th April PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Mon 24th April Pupils return to School
Y5 depart for Aberdovey
Weds 26 April 9.00 Class 4M Inspire
Thurs 27 April 9.00 Class 4S Inspire
Mon 1st May BANK HOLIDAY
Weds 3rd May Y5 SPACE – Life Cycles
Thurs 4th May SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ELECTIONS
Mon 8th May 2.00 Reception EAD Workshop
Thurs 11th May 2.00 Reception EAD Workshop
Tues 16th May 9.00 5W Inspire Workshop
Weds 17th May 9.00 5C Inspire Workshop
Fri 26th May 9.00 3B Class Assembly
Pupils break up for Half Term

Mon 24th July Teacher Training Day
Tues 25th July Teacher Training Day

BIRMINGHAM TERM DATES

Spring Term 2017
Term Starts: Tuesday 3 January 2017
Half Term: Monday 20 February 2017 – Friday 24 February 2017
Term Ends: Friday 7 April 2017

Summer Term 2017
Term Starts: Monday 24 April 2017
Half Term: Monday 29 May 2017 – Mon 5th June 2017
Term Ends: Tuesday 25 July 2017

School Year 2017 - 2018

Autumn Term 2017
Term Starts: Monday 4 September 2017
Half Term: Monday 23 October 2017 – Friday 27 October 2017
Term Ends: Friday 22 December 2017

Spring Term 2018
Term Starts: Monday 8 January 2018
Half Term: Monday 19 February 2018 – Friday 23 February 2018
Term Ends: Thursday 29 March 2018

Summer Term 2018
Term Starts: Monday 16 April 2018
Half Term: Monday 28 May 2018 – Friday 1 June 2018
Term Ends: Friday 21 July 2018

The end date for the summer holiday in 2018 will be advised by July 2017 when the term dates for the school year September 2018 - 2019 are known.

Teacher Training Days Monday 5th June
Monday 24th July
Tuesday 25th July



CHRISTMAS 2016

Dear Parents,
School closes for the Christmas holiday on Friday 16th December 2016 and the children return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2017. Known Teacher Training Days for 2017 are Monday 5th June, 24th and 25th July 2017.

School is also closed on Monday 1st May for the Bank Holiday and Thursday 4th May for elections.

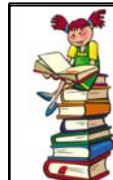
Notable dates and term dates for the coming year can be found on the reverse of this newsletter or on the Website.



SCHOOL MEALS

A school meal costs per **£2.10** day or **£10.50** per week. We will start back on Week 1 of the menu when we return to school. Please pay for the next half term in advance via the ParentPay online system. The amount due is **£71.40** This will be your child's meals up to the 12th February. Milk money (Reception ad Year 1 only) will be **£7.82**. Please send in cash for milk in a named and labelled envelope or make cheques payable to "**School Meals Service**" and ensure that your Cheque Guarantee Card number is written on the reverse of the cheque.

Please remember that if you intend to change your child's meal pattern for the next half term you should send this in writing on the first day of term to the school office.



SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Many thanks to all those who purchased books through the book club scheme, due to your ongoing support I'm pleased to say that there are now over £200 worth of new books in the school libraries for the children to enjoy.



ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAFF BRIEFING ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

On a Wednesday morning at 8.40 staff have their weekly briefing meeting. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should come into the school hall via the main door by the Reception Classes. A staff member will be there to help you. Years 3 to 6 should



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

To avoid disappointment please ensure you have signed your child/ren up to any extra curricular clubs by 31st December, they are filling up very fast. Once your child has committed to a club and attended we are not able to refund money if your child changes their mind. In the unlikely event of an illness or injury a credit can be given for a future club.

All extra curricular clubs will commence in the first week back at school.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Year 6 EFL Kids Cup six-a-side tournament.

On Tuesday 6th January 8 of Coppice's finest footballers were invited to Aston Villa Academy to play in the Sutton Coldfield area 6-a-side tournament. In the group stages our boys played 3 matches beating Four Oaks 4-2, defeating Banners Gate 4-0 and drawing against Little Sutton 2-2.

This record ensured we qualified for the semi-final as group winners.

In the semi-final we faced New Oscott who finished second in their group.

The team were getting better as the tournament progressed and won this match 4-1.

In the other semi final, Four Oaks, who finished second in our group, faced the tournament favourites, Boldmere who finished top of their group. Four Oaks shocked Boldmere to win 3-1 setting up a replay of the first group match.



MUSIC TUITION REMINDER

If your child has peripatetic music tuition, termly fees of £82 are due in January. Would you please pay this amount on the online ParentPay system. Your prompt remittance is always very much appreciated.

Music tuition will commence in the first week back.

SQUIRRELS CLUB

I would like to thank all parents for the support they have given Stacey, Graham, Zita and Ade during the half term. My treatments are nearly at the end and I think you would agree that the team have done a great job.

Thanks also to our Year 6 stars who have helped beyond their duties.

All of us at Squirrels wish you all a happy and safe Christmas.

Suzy



HEADTEACHER

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas events over the past couple of weeks. The Reception Nativity was a real joy and a lovely retelling of the

Christmas story and reminder of why we celebrate. The Key Stage 1 outside singing was very special and a big thank you to the PTA for providing the mince pies and refreshments. The Key Stage 2 celebration at Sutton Baptist Church was a very polished and thoughtful event and seemed to be much appreciated by all who attended. Apologies to those who were not able to get all the tickets that they wanted—we had been told that due to the new chairs we would be limited to the number of adults we could get in—in reality there was some more room and hopefully we can fulfil more ticket requests next year. The good thing is that we were still able to get more in than we would have been able to at school.

Thank you to everyone involved in organising the PTA Christmas Market. They make it look very easy but it does not happen without a lot of effort from all involved. Not only was the event a very enjoyable evening, it also raised a lot of money that pays for so many of the 'nice to haves' for the children. I am sure that you are aware that school budgets are being stretched, and ours is no exception—the money raised by the PTA is becoming more essential in supporting the finances of the school.

The pantomime was a great success once again and I must congratulate the children on their behaviour. They really are a credit to their school and it was a pleasure to take them—we went to see Sleeping Beauty and it was one of the best performances that we have seen in recent years.

Thank you again for all your support this term and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope that you have a good break.

Richard Green