

Dear Parents, children and families,

Well November is nearly here and the countdown to Christmas will soon begin! As the weather is getting colder, please can we remind parents that all children must come to school with a coat, hat, scarf and gloves. In the event that school is closed due to poor weather, we will send out a text as well as updating our website and social media pages. We hope you have a lovely half term break. If you are attending any bonfire or firework events this week. Please stay safe!



We are saying a temporary goodbye to **Miss Begum** who is leaving today to have a baby! We wish her all the best for her new arrival and we'll look forward to welcoming her back :-)

Polite reminder

If you are sending someone else to collect your child from school, particularly after school club, please contact the school office before hand. We will never release a child to another parent or adult without a conversation with you. If you could please let us know beforehand, it saves time and also means less distress for your child. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Safeguarding Update

CrimeStoppers.

Speak up. Stay safe.

Sharing information to keep you, your family and community safe.

Crimestoppers are an independent charity that gives people the power to speak up and stop crime, 100% anonymously. When you contact them, your anonymity is guaranteed - whether you choose to contact them on **0800 555 111** or by using their simple anonymous online form.

Please be aware that Crimestoppers is not the Police.

If you require urgent police attention please dial **999**.



Reading at home

Parents - we need your help! We still have some children who are not reading regularly at home. Please ensure your child reads every night...it is so important for their learning! Every time they read, please fill write a comment in their reading record. Children can win prizes the more they read! Thank you for your ongoing support.

WE HAVE LOTS OF EXCITING PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS! INCLUDING...

- XMAS DISCO
- PHOTO WITH SANTA IN THE GROTTO
- CHRISTMAS DINNER
- CHRISTMAS FETE

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP WITH DONATIONS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FETE! A SEPARATE LETTER WILL COME HOME SOON WITH FURTHER DETAILS.

Congratulations to **Youshra (Bears class)** who has had some exciting news! Her piece of artwork "Sad Clown" has been shortlisted and she is 1 of 4 finalists of the under 16's category of Sandwell's All The Fun Of The Fair Arts Trail 2019. Her artwork is now online for the whole of Sandwell to vote.

Please visit:

<https://www.discoversandwell.co.uk/artstrailvote> to cast your vote! Youshra has been invited to a special celebration awards evening next week, where the overall winner of the Arts Trail will be revealed. Congratulations Youshra, what a fantastic achievement! We will all be keeping our fingers crossed for the final!

FREE TRIP OF THE MONTH

Join the Let's Play Team for an awesome day of Halloween themed trails, crafts and games!

- Pumpkin carving - limited availability so once they're gone, they're gone!
- Fancy dress competition - come in your scariest costumes! All entries win a small prize and a main prize for our favourite!



Where: Tividale Park, New Birmingham Road, Oldbury

When: Wednesday 30 October; 11am - 4pm

As always, there's lots happening in Sandwell over the half term holiday. Please visit www.discoversandwell.co.uk for the full calendar of events 😊



HOME DINNERS - CHANGES AHEAD

Following lengthy consideration we have decided that, after February half term, children will no longer have the option to go home for dinner. Children will be able to have a school meal or to bring in a packed lunch. This decision has been made for several reasons, but the main ones are:

- Home dinners can affect lunchtime interventions as often the children we need to spend additional time with have gone home for lunch.
- Security of school - the gates have to open and close during school hours to allow for parents to collect children for home dinners, so we have to override the system to ensure the gates unlock.
- Fire registers become inaccurate as they are printed after morning registration and do not account for those that have gone home for lunch. Therefore, if the fire alarm goes off during lunchtime, we have to use 2 separate registers which is a longer process.
- Lunchtime is an important social time for children as well as learning important eating etiquette.
- Many children struggle to settle back into the school day after going home at lunchtime.
- Children often return early and want to come into school if the weather is poor outside, which again impacts on fire registers.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Assemblies

Assembly focuses for this month:

Remembrance Day, Guru Nanak's Birthday, Mental Health & Wellbeing, Internet safety- cyber bullying

Praise Assemblies every Friday (KS1 & KS2) celebrate:

Golden Book winners, Homework Heroes, Attendance winners, House winners

Date	Event	Times
Monday 4th November	School reopens for the second half of the Autumn Term	
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Service for the whole school (children & staff only)	
Friday 15th November	<u>Non-uniform</u> day for all pupils who donate for the BBC Children in Need appeal 🐻	
Monday 18th November	Donations Day! <u>Non-uniform</u> for all pupils who bring in a toy or unwanted gift set	
Monday 18th November	Tickets on sale from today for Photo's with Santa! 🎅 (£2 each from the school office)	
Monday 25th November	Donations Day! <u>Non-uniform</u> for all pupils who bring in chocolate/confectionery	
Monday 25th November	Tickets on sale from today for the Christmas Disco! 🎉 (£1 each from the school office)	