

Dear Parents, children and families,
We hope you had a lovely May Day Bank Holiday. We certainly enjoyed the long weekend! With only a few weeks left of this half term, the end of the school year is getting nearer. I'm sure you will agree, that being in lockdown for nearly a whole term has made it fly by! 😊



Covid-19 Testing

If your child develops Covid symptoms, we would ask that they be tested. Going forward, we would request, where possible, testing is done at a local centre rather than via the postal service as this avoids potential delays in sharing important information with families and staff. Thank you for all of your support so far with isolation and testing. Your cooperation is invaluable.



www.sandwell.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

You can check if you are eligible for **Free School Meals** at any time!

Please visit the above website for more information and to apply.



PE kits and book bags

We are still having issues with PE kits and book bags being in school. Please can we remind you that PE kits must be brought to school **every Monday**, and taken home **every Friday** to be washed over the weekend, and book bags need to be brought **every day**. We will send a text home if the above is not followed. Thank you for your support.

Registration for the optional entrance test for admission to the eight Grammar Schools in Birmingham in September 2022 will open on Tuesday 4th May 2021. The deadline for registering for the test is 4pm on Wednesday 30th June 2021.

Parents can find more information about the test and can register their child for the test by visiting www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

Children only need to sit one entrance test to be considered for any of the grammar schools in Birmingham. The entrance test for September 2021 entry will be held on Saturday 11 September 2021.



Paying with cash

As you will be aware, we are mainly a cashless school. On the rare occasion where you need to pay cash to our school office, please can we ask you to pay with the exact change, as we don't hold any money on site. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Lateness

We are seeing an increase in children arriving late. As we have a flexible start time between 8:30am and 9am, there is ample time for you to get your children to school on time. We are also seeing a rise in children being collected late. Children can be collected anytime between 3pm and 3:30pm.

Lateness is not acceptable. This is being monitored by our attendance team and may result in a formal meeting. If it continues to be an issue, we may have to introduce a sanction of some kind for repeat offenders. This will obviously be a last resort and something we would prefer not to do, so please support us with this matter.



Just a reminder that if you are celebrating Eid and your child will be absent, please let us know on the day. This will stop us from calling you and disturbing your festivities. Please note children are only entitled to 1 day.

Thank you in advance and

Eid Mubarak!



Pack a healthy lunchbox

In order for us to promote healthy eating within school, we would be really grateful if you could be mindful of what items you include in your child's lunchbox. Fast food and large portions of unhealthy items are **not** appropriate. Take a look at www.healthysandwell.co.uk/food-and-recipes for some really useful ideas, tips and recipes!



Key Dates For Your Diary!

Date	Event
Friday 14th May	RE Day
Friday 21st May	Science Day
Friday 28th May	Music Day
Friday 28th May	Children break up today for half term holiday
Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June	Whitsun week - School is closed
Monday 7th June	Children return to school