



Our value for May is Diversity

This week we have been exploring and celebrating diversity as part of our assemblies and learning in class. Catherine Pulsifer says "We are all different, which is great because we are all unique. Without diversity life would be very boring." We have been thinking about the importance of Diversity as it can open up a world of opportunities for us as we can learn so much from one another.



🔔 Alana Rings the Bell 🔔

We are so delighted to share with you the wonderful news that one of our children in Year 3 has rang the bell at Birmingham Children's Hospital to signal that her chemotherapy treatment has finished. On Tuesday, we recreated that moment in school with her class clapping and cheering in celebration.



What a wonderful achievement!



🌻 Summer Recovery Programme 🌻

It has been great to see so many children involved in the After School Recovery Interventions and Clubs. Thank you for all your support so far! Please note that the new groups start from Monday 10th May.





Covid Advice



Worcestershire Children's First have told us, as schools, that we should not change any procedures or systems until further advice is given. We therefore request that parents continue to wear masks and socially distance on the school site. In school, we will maintain our bubbles and continue with the same routines and expectations for our children and staff.

Mr Essenhigh sent out a message earlier this week which reminded carers and parents that:

Due to some children arriving at schools across Bromsgrove displaying symptoms, we have been asked to clarify with all families across the federation the following:

1. If any member of a household displays any of the key symptoms (Cough, Temperature, Loss of taste/smell or headache) then it is necessary to take this person for a PCR test at a local testing point. Whilst the result is pending all household members should isolate.
2. Lateral Flow Tests which are now more readily available are for routine testing for those with NO symptoms.

We are in an improving position regarding current covid rates but the Local Outbreak Response Team (LORT) has asked us to clarify this with all parents/carers & staff.

Term Time Holidays Reminder

Several holiday companies are advertising cheap term time holidays in May, June, July and September. We would like to remind parents that these special offers rely on parents breaking the law. Taking children out of school for holiday is classed as unauthorised absence.


We are not able to authorise term time holidays except in very exceptional circumstances. Saving money/affordability is not deemed as an acceptable reason. Parents need to be aware that taking their children on holiday in term time can lead to both parents being fined for each child. The fines are not given by school but are followed up via the Local Authority.



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Changeable Weather

Please make sure that your child has a hat for in the sunshine and a coat for the rainy days to wear for outdoor sessions, playtime and lunchtime. We also recommend that parents/carers apply a long lasting 'once a day' sun cream on sunny days. Thank you 



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Spare Waterproofs



Do you have any puddle suits, waterproofs or even wellies that your children have grown out of? Our Nursery and Reception pupils would be very grateful for the donation as we will use them for our Fun in the Forest sessions.

Tempest Photography

Links will be sent out on Epraise in two weeks for the class photographs (and Year 4 leavers photos) that were taken in school on Thursday - Everyone looked great!

| Things to remember | Term dates |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ W/C 10 May is week 3 for our dinner menu ✓ ★ Please send all dinner money to school on a Monday ✓ ★ All children have active sessions every day such as PE, Forest School or fun on the Trim Trail. We have relaxed our uniform policy so that this can take place. It is important that children attend school wearing suitable clothing and footwear for these activities. ✓ ★ Log on to Rising Stars to access your child's online reading books. ✓ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ May half term - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021 ★ Term ends - Wednesday 21 July 2021 ★ School closed to pupils: Friday 28 May 2021 <p><i>Holidays will not be authorised during term time.</i></p> |

