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WELCOME

Welcome back to school to all our pupils, as well as a special welcome to all our new pupils who started with us this week! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the time with your families. Please note the new school timings for our KS1 and KS2 children. The first bell will ring at 8.35am; this is the time children should be lined up in their classes ready to come into school. The school gates on Westminster Road will close at 8.45am and access will only be available via Stamford Road after this time. The school day finishes at 3.30pm Monday to Thursday and at 12.30pm on a Friday. Please ensure you arrive on time to collect your children; if you are running late then please telephone the school office to notify us of any delays.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct uniform. For children in Years 1-6, the uniform consists of: Grey trousers / skirt, white shirt, school pullover, school tie and blazer. Children in Reception are not required to wear a blazer but are required to wear a school jumper along with grey trousers / skirt, a white shirt and a school tie. Please note black shoes, not trainers should be worn with the school uniform. Trainers should only be worn for school sports and PE activities,

School pullovers, jumpers and ties are available to buy from Gogna Schoolwear, 67/69 Rookery Road, Birmingham, B21 9QU

We have a small number of second-hand, good quality used uniform items that are available to buy from the school office. Please see a member of the school office for further details.

LOST PROPERTY

There were a number of lost property items that have been handed into the school office If your child has lost any item of uniform, PE items or school lunch bags please come and see a member of the school office. A box has been placed in the main reception area and lost property items have been placed in there so please do check this box. Please can we ask that parents label their child's uniform with their child's name and class using a permanent marker.

EXPECTATIONS MEETINGS

Parents in Years 2 to year 6 will be receiving a letter next week inviting them to a short meeting with their child's class teacher regarding expectations in the week beginning Monday 23rd September. Information regarding your child's homework, PE lessons and attendance are a few of the topics that will be discussed.

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PARENTS CLASSES AND INFORMATION

There are a number of parent classes starting in the community room this month. A number of English classes will be on offer for parents and carers interested in improving their English skills. Courses will start from Monday 16th September 2019. Enrolment has already taken place but if you are still interested, please see Mrs Khan (Parent Support Advisor) in the school office on Monday 16th September at 9.00am. We are also hoping to run a Functional Skills course in October. Again if you interested in this, please come and see Mrs Khan next week.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If your child is in Year 6, you will need to make sure you make an application for a secondary school place by 31st October 2019. You can do this by going online at:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you would like any support in accessing and using the online application service, please come and see a member of the school office staff. We will be holding a series of parent workshops in October for parents who require assistance with the submission of their application.

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money should be handed in to the school office on a Monday morning in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class written clearly on the front. One week's dinner money is now £9.40 (for 4 days) due to the change in the school schedule. Please ensure the correct money is handed in as no change will be given. Any extra money will be allocated to your child's account.

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE ACDEMIC YEAR 2018-19

Congratulations to Rayhan Zaman (2A) and Arisha Khan (3S) who both won a bike for 100% attendance for the last academic year. Well done to both!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 25th October: Pupils break up for half-term holiday

Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov: Autumn half-term holiday

Monday 4th November: Pupils return to school

Friday 20th December: Pupils break up for Christmas holidays

Mon 23rd Dec to Fri 3rd Jan: Christmas Holidays