



# Family News

March 2016

## Amazing Achievements

### Young Voices Mayor's Parlour

After their fantastic singing in the **Free Radio Christmas Stars Competition** and **Young Voices Concert**, our School Choir have now also sang at the **Mayor's Parlour**. What a great achievement!



### Forest Arts Dance Festival

Well done to **Year 4** and our **cheerleaders** who took part. Their performances were great and highlighted how hard they have been working.

### Girls' Football Team



Congratulations to our Girls' Football Team for reaching the **Semi-Finals** of the Walsall League! The remaining matches will be played over the next few weeks and we're sure they will continue to play brilliantly!

### Poetry Week

All of the children have worked really hard to learn poems for Poetry Week and have done some **brilliant performances** from memory in assembly.

### Parents' Evening

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening and thank you for your **positive feedback** about the new 10 minute appointments.

### World Book Day Big Book Swap

Our Book Swap was a **great success!** The children really enjoyed getting a new book to read and sharing stories from their favourite books.

### Dates for your Diary

*More detailed information will be given closer to the dates.*

**Inset Day - Friday 18th March**

**Nursery Easter Bonnets - Wednesday 25th March**

**Nursery break up for Easter - Wednesday 25th March**

**Church Service - Thursday 24th March 9.30am**

**Easter Bonnet Parade - Thursday 24th March 12.30pm**

**Break up for Easter - Thursday 24th March 1.30pm**

**Start of Summer Term - Monday 11th April**

**Y5 Kingswood £20 due - Monday 18th April**

**Y2-Y5 Theatre Trip £15 FINAL DEADLINE - Friday 29th April**

**Y5 Kingswood £15 due - Tuesday 3rd May**

**SATs Week for Y6 - Monday 9th May - Friday 13th May**

**Fitness Friday - Friday 27th May**



**WORLD BOOK DAY**

# Healthy Lunchboxes

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX **PICK & MIX**  
SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



Developed in conjunction with the Healthy Together Achievement Program to support a whole-school approach to healthy eating. Healthy Together Victoria is improving the health of Victorians, funded by the Victorian Government.



Following the success of Food Dudes last year we are continuing to use our **Healthy Lunch Box Initiative**. We welcome your support with this, and there are lots of great ideas online for something a bit different than sandwiches! The picture on the left gives some examples and ideas of things you could include. We know that everyone loves a little treat, but

please make sure there are no more than **2 small or 1 medium 'treat' items**. E.g. 1 bag of crisps or 2 small sweets.

## Tuck Shop

We are pleased to offer an organic **Tuck Shop to Y1-Y6**, all of which is freshly made by our school kitchen staff. These healthy snacks are available to order for Y2 - Y6, and Year 1 can order toast and juice!



### Menu:

Chocolate or Strawberry Milkshake - 45p

Toastie - 35p per half

Orange Juice - 35p

Pizza - 50p per slice

Toast - 20p

Bacon Bap - 60p

Tea Cake - 25p per half

Red Sauce - 5p

Year 1 - To be ordered on a **Monday morning** for the week:

Orange Juice - £1.75

Toast - £1

Toast and Orange Juice - £2.75

## Year 6 - SATS

It's once again that time of the year when SATs are nearly here! This year they will be from **9th-13th May**, and we are sure Year 6 will do brilliantly. We wish them the best of luck, although they've been working so hard we are sure they won't need it!

# Easter Events



Our annual **Easter Bonnet Parades** will be held as follows:

AM Nursery - Wednesday 23rd March 11am

PM Nursery - Wednesday 23rd March 2pm

YR-Y2 - Thursday 24th March 12.30pm

The children will have lots of fun making their bonnets at home, and then bring them in on the morning in a named bag. We look forward to seeing every child in their bonnet, and you are welcome to come along!



For the Juniors we are again holding an egg-citing competition for them to **design their own Easter Egg** using a hard-boiled egg (not raw!) Take a look online for some great ideas!

Children will finish school at **1.30pm** after the Easter Bonnet Parade and Egg-stravaganza judging.

We will be going to the **Easter Service** at St Thomas' Church on Thursday 24th March at 9.30am. All parents are invited!

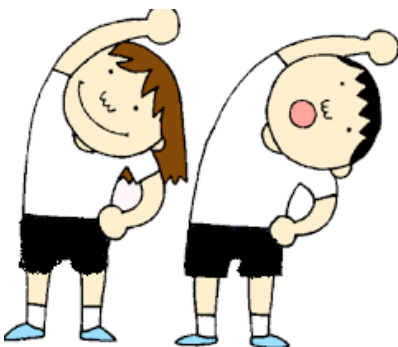
## Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

Just to remind you that we are still collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers and would really appreciate it if you could bring in as many as possible. They are available until **3rd May**. Please remember to collect your vouchers and send them in to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!



## Uniform

It is great to see so many of the children **looking smart** in their Jubilee Uniform, and we would like to say a big thank you to parents for your support. **Ties** are available from the School Office for £2.50 and please remember to put names or initials on the label.

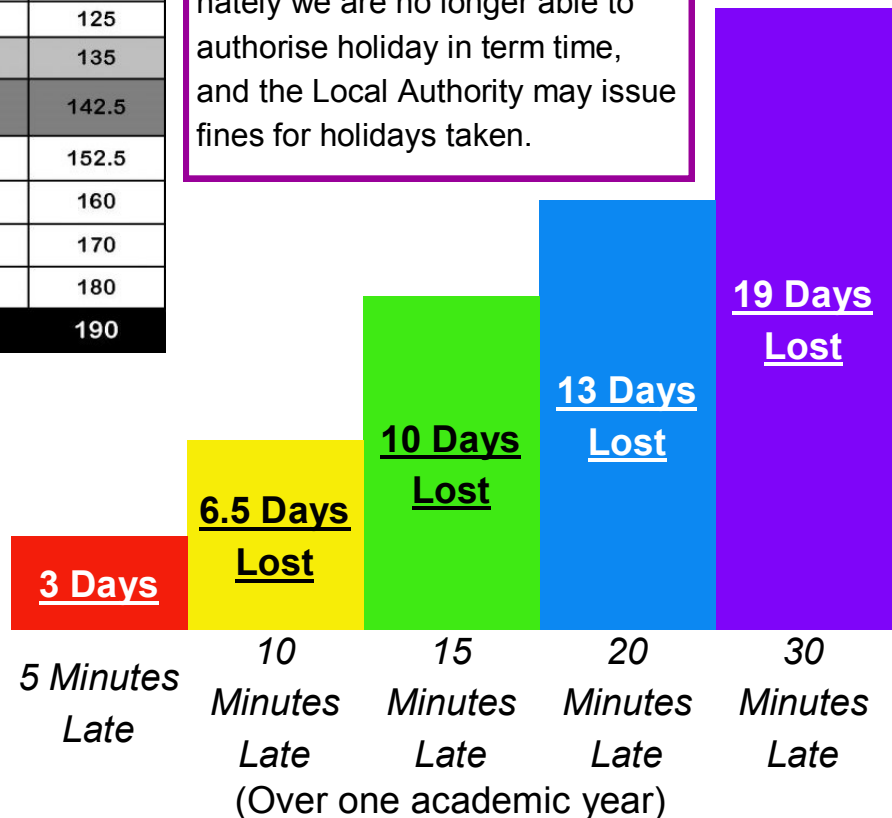


As the weather is now warming up children will need to wear normal PE Kit of a **white top and black shorts** instead of tracksuit bottoms. Please make sure PE Kits are sent in on Monday mornings so that they are in school ready for PE lessons.

Descriptor	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
Satisfactory	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
Cause for Concern	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
	86%	163 days	27	135
Unsatisfactory	86%	163 days	27	135
Serious Cause for Concern	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
Critical	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190

Regular school **attendance** is really important to your child's learning, and all children should be aiming for **at least 95%** attendance! If your child is off school make sure to call, text or Class Dojo (message Miss Mason or Mrs Drohan) to let us know why.

Just to remind you that unfortunately we are no longer able to authorise holiday in term time, and the Local Authority may issue fines for holidays taken.



**Missing School =  
Missing Out!**

## KS2 Theatre Trip

We are excited to again be taking children in our **current** Y2, 3, 4 and 5 to see a theatre show live on stage! This will be in late November/ early December when children will have moved to the next year group and will all be juniors. If your child is in Year 2, 3, 4 or 5 at the moment please make sure to send in their **£15 by Friday 29th April!** If you have not paid by this date then unfortunately your child will be unable to go as we need to book tickets in advance.

## Trip Money

Just to remind you that all trip money should be sent to school in a named envelope with **your child** for them to give to their **class teacher**, and can not be paid at the Office. This is to allow it to be recorded in the classroom so that the teacher knows who has paid.

