



“Working together to fulfil potential”

May Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

03.05.2024

Statutory Assessments

Year 6 will be completing the **Key Stage 2 SATs** during the week of **Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May**. We will, as always, be offering breakfast during this week. Children should be in school for 8:00am, to allow for enough time to settle in to the day. All tests will begin at 09:15.

Year 4 will be completing the **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** between **Monday 3 June and Friday 14 June**. The test is used to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. The children in Year 4 will be completing daily practice tests in preparation, but we also ask that you practice with them at home and encourage them to regularly access Times Table Rock Stars.

Behaviour Update

Using feedback provided by both parents and staff, alongside conversations with children, we have decided to review our current behaviour management systems. We will be using research and most recent DFE guidance to help guide our future decisions on updates and changes that we may make, to ensure that we have both purposeful and effective systems in place.

Following review, we have removed 'Golden time' from each class timetable. However, teachers are still able to use their discretion throughout the week to reward children with additional break times or free play, as they feel appropriate. Children are still receiving the 'Golden Biscuit' when they are chosen for the Golden Award, but this will also be phased out and replaced with what we feel would be more appropriate prizes and rewards.

Moving forward, we will be focusing on establishing clear values for our behaviour, that are appropriate for the children we have here at James Brindley and for current society. We want learning to be an incentive in itself, and children to have intrinsic motivation, alongside reward and the understanding of consequence. We will also be 'revamping' our House Team system: making our houses relevant to our context and instilling a sense of collective responsibility and belonging; giving real purpose to house points and shared accountability and ultimately shared reward.

Our Behaviour Policy will be updated and shared with you all in due course, with a clear rationale and information on the systems we will have in place.

REMINDER - Summer Fair & PTA

Please join us On **Wednesday 8th May at 14:30**, to support the PTA with Summer fair planning and preparations! If you would be interested in helping, in any capacity, with the Summer Fair please do come along. Alternatively, email the school office with details of how you would like to help, and this will be passed on to Mrs Thompson and the rest of the PTA. Any support would be greatly appreciated!



Sports Week & Sports Day:

'Sports Week' will take place from Monday 20th May until Friday 24th May. Children will take part in a variety of activities and earn points for their 'House'. **Children should come to school in their sports kit every day during this week.** This does not need to be their PE kit, any sportswear including trainers will be acceptable.

'Sports Day' will be held on **Tuesday 21st May.**



09:00 – Year 5/6
10:30 – Year 3/4
13:00 – EYFS
14:00 – Year 1/2



Family members are invited to attend – we request that you bring your own camping/outdoor chair or picnic blanket, as no seating will be provided for spectators on the day. **On Sports Day, we request that children wear a t-shirt relating to their house colour: Sapphires-blue, Emerald-green, Diamonds-white, Rubies-red.**

Second-Hand Uniform

While we appreciate all the generous donations, we now have a huge surplus stock of second-hand uniform. We therefore no longer require and will not be accepting further donations. Second-hand Uniform will still be available to parents/carers if needed.

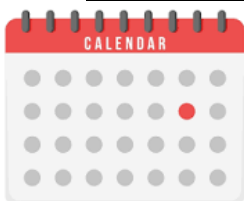
School Drop off & Pick up

Just a reminder, that we operate a one-way system of entry and exit from the school grounds: **through the small pedestrian gate and then clockwise, round the school building, exiting through the car park gate.** This allows a flow of people that reduces any disruptions. Nursery parents should also leave via the car park gate. All children should also dismount from bikes before entering the grounds. A further reminder to also not park or stop to drop off your child on any of our yellow zig-zags, or on the corners of any of our surrounding side streets so as to avoid any possible accidents for our children and out of respect for all of our neighbours.



Enjoy, hopefully a sunny, Bank Holiday Weekend!

Dates for the diary:



06.05.24	School Closed – Bank Holiday
09.05.24	Reception Knowsley Safari Trip
W/C 13.05.24	Y6 SATs Week & Mental Health Awareness Week
13.05.24	Y2 Fireground Trip Y5 Victorian Day
W/C 20.05.24	Sports Week
21.05.24	Sports Day
22.05.24	Boogie Bounce Sessions
23.05.24	Y3 Stonehenge Workshop
24.05.24	School Closes for Half Term

Information and details about all events in school will be shared separately and in regular newsletters.

You can also keep up to date with school life by following us on 'X'.



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Kind Regards

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