



Maney Hill Newsletter

22nd June 2018

Dates for your diary

updates in red

June

25th – Reception Induction
26th – RB Class Assembly
27th – Reception Induction
30th – PTA Summer Fayre

July

3rd – Buddies Assembly
4th – Buddies Assembly
4th Transition Day
10th – RS Class Assembly
w/b 9th – Music Concert
12th – PTA Disco
w/b 16th Y6 Leavers' Production
20th – last day of the year
23rd & 24th – Staff Training Days

September

3rd – Staff Training
4th – first day of new school year

October

13th – PTA Race Night & AGM
29th – half term week

November

3rd – PTA Bonfire Night
23rd – PTA Mufti Day
30th – PTA Christmas Fayre

December

20th – last day of term
21st – Staff Training

January

7th – Staff Training
8th – first day of term

February

18th – half term week

March

April

12th – last day of term
20th – first day of term

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Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a great week in school and with the good weather we have also been outdoors. The Year 5 children were able to complete their Bikeability course and we've had a range of sporting events including cricket coaches from Warwickshire Cricket Club! In the Hall all week the children had the chance to join in with a huge artwork project. Every child added pieces of tiling to make a huge mosaic. Thank you to Mr McNicholas for arranging the artwork. The big event next week is Saturday's PTA Summer Fayre. We hope to see lots of you there.

Mrs Whitehead



Bluebirds Update

We started Bluebirds, our before and after school club, in January 2017. It has been a tremendous success thanks to Mrs Grayston and the team of play leaders.

We initially offered up to 25 places a session. The demand for places, due to the high quality care offered by our Bluebirds staff as well as the convenience for parents to drop and collect their children from school, has meant that we have steadily increased the numbers. However, we have reached a limit on the number of children we can accommodate whilst offering a range of high quality activities supervised by caring staff. From September 2018 we will have a limit of 80 places per session. Over the week we will have approximately 100 children attending Bluebirds for at least one session.

As a consequence of our expansion we will be making some changes to how we manage allocation of places, contact details and payments.

The changes are as follows:

- Applications for the coming academic year will be completed in the summer term. Mrs Grayston will be giving out application forms next week
- All children currently with a place this year will be guaranteed a place for next year
- New places for September will be allocated to siblings first and then on a first-come-first-served basis
- Payment is half-termly in advance
- Paper invoices will be discontinued. Instead bills will be sent through www.schoolmoney.co.uk
- Parents must select the sessions wanted. Changes to sessions required will only be done on a half-termly basis.
- Additional one-off places or one-off changes to reserved sessions will not be available. This is to safeguard the children.
- Our Finance Assistant, Mrs Morgan-Walsh, will manage places and organise bills to be sent through schoolmoney.
- A small price rise per session from September.

If you have any queries about the changes, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Whitehead

Mosaic Artist



This week, the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with an artist on a large art project for our new school building. Over three days, each child from every class, Reception to Year 6, had a session working with the artist to create a large mosaic to be mounted on an outside wall of our new building. The art project was partly funded by the proceeds from the highly successful 'Shop for Schools' initiative run by

Year 5 pupils in Sutton Coldfield town centre last summer.

Choosing a design for a piece of artwork that represents our school was not an easy task, although children did a great job in creating their own potential designs during Art lessons this term. The best designs in each class were shortlisted by staff and it was left to the children in each class to vote for their favourite. Congratulations to Francesca (Y6) who provided the winning design.

Mr McNicholas

Lunchtime Supervisor vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. The role fits very well with those who enjoy working with children and would like to work for a few hours during the school day.



Summer Fayre
Saturday 30th June
12.30pm – 3.00pm



**Congratulations to
RS and Year 5
Lunchtime Classes of the Week**



School Expansion Update

This week we are expecting a lorry of tarmac to arrive. This will be for the pathways around the old and new school buildings. The Reception outdoor areas have their canopies in place and will also have a tarmac covering on the ground.

Mrs Mills has been faced with a logistical challenge to order all the new furniture and resources before the end of term. However, with the school expansion building work running a little behind schedule, we are starting to feel the pinch for space! Next week Balfour Beatty will be moving our brand new Key Stage 2 furniture into a container on their site. Once the new building is complete they will then transfer it to the new classrooms, ready for September.

RB Sienna Geddes & Annabel Kinnes

RS Thomas Rawlins & Amber Kirk

1J Daniel Monteiro & Amelia Cole

1R Jacob Griffiths-Jeavons & Rosie Leonard

2W Pani Dimitriou & Sarem Rizwan

2G Nathan Ready & Elena Rudzka

Year 3 Emily Billington & Cayden Buttler

Year 4 Livvie Fisher & Theo Hammond

Year 5 Ioannis Karafillides & Zachary Johnson

Year 6 Lara Ghazal & Joshua Key