



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well I can't believe we are already at the end of our first half term. The children have been working very hard and I am sure they are looking forward to the holiday next week. Thank you to everyone who has attended the parent/career workshops for reading and phonics over the past few weeks. It was great to see so many of you and hear the feedback you offered.

After half term we are looking forward to seeing you at parents evening, appointments have been made available and can be booked via Parentmail. Staff will be sharing your child's mid point review, and you will have opportunity to view their work. Please be aware that the school will close by 5.45pm on Tuesday and 7.15pm on Thursday, so if you have a late appointment, we advise you look at work prior to your appointment.

The Autumn Fayre was again a great success, thank you for your support. It helped to raise £614 for school funds to be spent on the children. This will support the development of our new library areas within school.

This half term we have enjoyed two excellent class assemblies, well done to the children and staff in 1B and 2G for all their hard work. This week we have also celebrated our first praise assembly of the year, it was made even more special by parents/careers being invited as surprise guests for their child. Praise certificates were awarded to the following children: Oliver Aldridge, Grace Barker, Andrew Campbell, Poppy Chalmers, Logan Edwards, Riley Homer, Charlotte Humpage, Ambika Khela, Harry Sagar, Noah Surplice, Sophie Tudge, Oliver Watkins and Caleb Willitts.

I would like to announce our pupil leadership team for this year, they are: Callum James, Thomas Robinson, Surena Lohla, Sammy Kerdel and Tula Smith. Representatives from this team will also attend the Trust Council.

They prepared by writing a letter of application and attending an interview with myself and the previous Council. We have lots of pupils new to post on all our pupil groups, I know they are going to do a fantastic job this year working alongside members of the teaching staff.

As per our uniform guidelines on the school website we would like to see all children across school wearing a school tie after half term. This is relaxed in Reception due to the type of activities the children are involved in. Ties may be worn with shirts or polo shirts and are available from the school office. Our children continue to look smart in their school uniform, logo jumpers/cardigans and we thank you for your support in this.

Don't forget Monday the 4th is an inset day, so we will see you all on Tuesday 5th November. I hope you all have a great half term, enjoy bonfire night and stay safe.

Mrs Turner
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Autumn 2019

Half term

Monday 28th October to
Friday 1st November

Term ends

Friday 20th December

Spring 2020

Term starts

Monday 6th January

Half term

Monday 17th to Friday 21st
February

Term ends

Friday 3rd April

Summer 2020

Term starts

Monday 20th April

Half term

Monday 25th May to Friday
29th May

Term ends

Monday 20th July

INSET DAYS

Monday 4th November

Friday 17th January

Monday 24th February

Monday 20th July

Please see our online calendar on our website for all our event information

Parking

There has been an increased amount of cars parking on grass verges or on the corner of junctions. If you witness any inappropriate parking, please contact the Police Community Support Officers directly on 0345 113 5000 ext 852 3008

Himley Hall - Christmas Art Project

We have been chosen to take part in an Art project organised by Himley Hall. We have been commissioned to produce 3 pieces of Art work depicting the 12 days of Christmas. Mrs Wright has organised an Art group with some children from year 6 and they have been busy over their lunchtimes drafting ideas for their final piece.

Our allocated days are 5 golden rings, 6 geese a laying and 7 swans a swimming. The finished Art pieces will be converted to canvas and all 12 days will be displayed in Himley Hall over Christmas. We have finished our pencil outlines, next stage is to add colour using acrylic paints and marker pens. Watch this space for our final pieces!



The artists busy at work preparing for the Himley designs

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 28th September, we held a coffee morning in our school hall. We joined thousands of others across the UK to share coffee and cake in aid of the Macmillan cancer charity. With your support, we raised £87.60 and enjoyed some delicious cake and good company at the same time.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the coffee morning and supported us.



Year 3 - Cooking

Year 3 have finished their DT unit of cooking. They have cooked some fantastic things such as stuffed peppers and sandwich fillings. They have researched and looked into what seasonal produce we can use in England and they are now working on creating a menu out of seasonal produce.



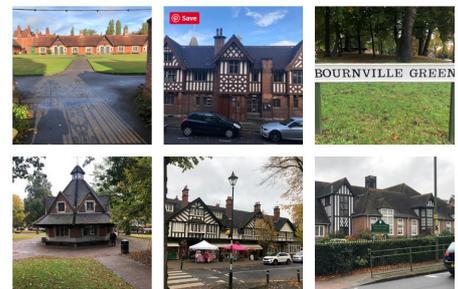
School Trips

During October the following school trips took place and everyone commented on our children's exemplary behaviour and the prior knowledge they had, before our visits!

Year 2 visited Hartlebury to ignite their thinking to develop initial knowledge and skills around the history of childhood then and now. The children experienced a Victorian lesson with Mrs Vale, using slates and pencils and learnt about school punishments. All of the children really enjoyed learning about what school was like in the past.



Year 3 went on a local history field study to Bournville, where they were able to go on a tour of the village, looking at the legacy of the Cadbury family. They were able to conduct their historical enquiry, testing and further developing their knowledge beyond the classroom.



Using sources of evidence, they were able to visualise and explain the impact that the Cadbury family had and still has on our local history today.

Year 4 also had a fantastic trip to Kinver Edge for a stone age to iron age workshop. The children completed an adventurous countryside walk to explore where the hill fort would have been and literally walked where iron age people would have walked. This allowed a clear understanding of how difficult it was to live in those times, carrying water down from the river up to the village at the top of the hill. They also learnt that trading would take place down by the river too. While walking the children explored the environment by looking at the hazel and willow which was used for weaving (which the children completed in the workshops). The guide also made links to science and explained about the rocks and soils, identifying sedimentary rock. In the workshops the children explored flint, clay pots (thumb, coil and coin) and created their own fences through weaving.



Attendance for October

RH	98.01%	4H	97.50%
RG	98.05%	4W	99.52%
1B	90.58%	5/6G	98.86%
1C	98.63%	5G	97.25%
2G	98.10%	6C	96.23%
2RW	96.10%		
3D	98.19%	Well done all, especially 4W	
3R	98.76%		

Donation of Books

If you are having a clear-out over half-term and have any adults books that you do not need, the school would be very grateful to receive them, in order to set up our parent book exchange.

Halesowen Triathlon Club

A Year 4 student is one of the youngest members of the Halesowen Triathlon Club. She swims on a Tuesday and Thursday evening for an hour, mainly working on stamina. Then on a Friday and Saturday she runs and cycles. Her main coach is Adam Jones.

Adam has actively participated in triathlons since 2015 competing in a variety of races and distances across the United Kingdom.

In 2018 Adam successfully qualified and competed as a Team GB Age Group Triathlete at the European Championships in Glasgow as a British Age Group Athlete and more recently in Russia in September 2019.



Being trained by such a successful athlete like Adam has made her feel so proud and determined to be a great athlete too!

Celebrating Achievements

If your child has achieved something outside of school e.g. sporting activity, music grade, dance etc then please email: school@lapal.dudley.sch.uk and we can celebrate this on next month's Newsletter

House Points

This month house point scores are:

Sapphire—738
Ruby—713
Emerald—698
Diamond—695

Fair Trade

This year's Fair Trade Council are:

Year 3: Lewis & Gabriella
 Year 4: Maddison & Finley
 Year 5: Imogan & Owen
 Year 6: Neveah & Sammy

Different Family Celebrations

This week in Reception we have been learning about different family celebrations and role playing a birthday party! We have celebrated Buddy and Reggie's birthdays by making party invitations and present lists. We have also celebrated Diwali - the festival of light. The children have been busy making chalk firework pictures, painting Rangoli patterns, moulding clay Diva lamps and melting chocolate to make sparklers! During outdoor play we have been collecting the apples that have fallen out of the apple tree and counted them to find the matching number.



HAVE FUN STAY SAFE
 FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE



Enjoy yourselves on firework night
 Rockets and sparklers a wonderful sight
 Dangerous if handled so be aware
 Always ask grownups to handle with care.

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child then please contact our designated safeguarding lead who is Mrs Turner, or our deputy safeguarding leads who are Miss Tolley and Mrs Atkinson.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. If we are concerned about a child we have a duty to contact Children's Service, if you are concerned about a child, outside school, then you can call 0300 555 0050 with your concerns and seek advice. Our safeguarding policy can be found on our school website.