

Dear Parents and Carers,

THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting Black Country Food Bank. We have many bags of food and toiletries ready to give to the Food Bank on Monday when they come to collect. The children have proudly handed over their items, knowing that they are making a difference.

Keeping with the theme of food, today our Phunky Food Ambassadors led an assembly titled 'Bag A Breakfast!'. **Do you eat a healthy breakfast every day?** The Ambassadors shared the important reasons why we should all be starting our day with a healthy breakfast.

They started the assembly with a quick quiz: They asked everyone to stand up and then asked those to sit down who hadn't eaten breakfast or if they had eaten a sugary breakfast. It was wonderful to see that the majority of our children remained standing.

They then shared the merits of different types of breakfasts and which ones would keep us full to lunchtime. It is no surprise that high sugar cereals would leave us hungry by 10:00, whereas high protein and high fibre foods would release energy slower and keep us fuller for longer which in turn helps our capacity to learn.



Our new Phunky Food Ambassadors were fantastic in confidence and delivery. Very well done to Joseph, Paige, Blake and Olivia

Our **Explore and Discovery Week** is the last week of this half term and is fast approaching. The theme of learning for the week is all about using our imagination. As part of our Big Bang to launch the week we invite our children to use their imagination to adopt a crazy hairstyle on the Monday and on the Friday the children can choose a crazy outfit - the more colourful and mismatched the better!

Parent Consultation is next week

Don't forget that it is Parent Consultation next week. An opportunity to meet your teacher and talk about how your child has settled into their new class and what progress they are making in the core subjects, as well as an opportunity to look at your child's books. If you haven't signed up for an appointment then there is still time, just log into Scopay by Sunday evening.



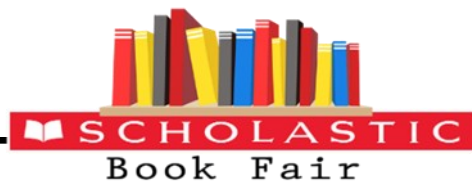
Eight minute meetings using a timer

Keeping our meetings on schedule is tricky but we have found over the past few year that a timer helps. We want to ensure that parents aren't waiting for a long time for their teachers even though it is face to face. Therefore, all our teachers will have a timer that they will set for eight minutes when you arrive. We ask all our families to be considerate and end the meeting when the timer goes at eight minutes. This will mean parents aren't waiting around and can get home to be with their families. If you do need more time for a specific issue, then we can arrange a separate appointment. Please remember if you have already met your teacher for a SEN meeting then there is no need to make an appointment for parent consultation.

School Book Fair

We also have our school book fair after school next week, please see the poster over the page for more information. Every book you buy earns the school points so we can choose books for our class libraries. Wonderful!

We look forward to seeing you all in school next week, Mrs Newton



Dear Parents / Carers,

Please support our book fair - Every pound you spend benefits our children.



Due to your overwhelming support at our book fair last year, we earned over £1300 worth of books. These books went straight into our children's learning rooms.

This year's book fair will start on **Monday 14th October**. The entrance to the book fair will be through the main school office and based in the main hall and will be open as follows:

3:30 – 4:15 Monday 14th October

3:30 – 4:15 Tuesday 15th October

3:30 – 5:15 Wednesday 16th October

3:30 – 5:15 Thursday 17th October

Children will also have the opportunity to visit the book fair within their learning groups during the school day.

As always, there will be an array of books on many subjects, both fiction and non-fiction, that will appeal to children of all ages, siblings and parents.

If you would like to pay for your books on card at the fair or would like to order from home, you can use this link - <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>.

With every book sold, everyone wins!

We therefore hope that you will support us as generously as you have in the past. We look forward to seeing you there.

Miss Harvey
Reading and library lead



There are a few events on the calendar for parents to take note of:

Parent Consultation

Parent Consultation is on the horizon on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October. Therefore, parents will need to book their appointment time. Bookings are now live on through Scopay via the 'Parents Evening' tab. If you cannot access Scopay then please contact the school office who will be able to help. Bookings will close on Monday 14th October at 4pm.

Halloween Disco

We have also had a few questions about the Halloween Disco on Thursday 24th October.

Years 1 and 2 will be straight after school until 4:30. Children can bring in their Halloween costumes and the staff will help your child get changed. Then it will be a quick turnaround as Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 attend from 4:45 to 5:45.

The tickets can be paid for through Scopay by Monday 14th October. The price includes a drink and a bag of pick 'n' mix, so children will not need to bring any money with them to the disco which means staff will not need to search the hall by torchlight for missing 20p pieces!

Pumpkin Party

I also have to mention the Pumpkin Party on Tuesday 22nd October for our children in Nursery and Reception, along with a parent, they are sure to have great fun. Please pay for this event through Scopay by Monday 14th October.

Christmas Dinners

On Wednesday 27th November, a parent for each child in Y4 is invited to join their child for Christmas dinner at 11:00. This is then repeated for each child in Year 3 on Wednesday 11th December at 11:00. The parent will need to pay for their dinner and their child's (if they usually do) and let us know about any dietary requirements by **Friday 15th November** so we can order the essentials.

The rest of the school will have their Christmas dinner on Wednesday 11th December. A letter has come home recently for Y3 and Y4 with more details.

FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK!

2CP achieved 99% and 4N achieved 98% WOW!

Very well done to these children and their families.

These children deserve an extra playtime.

Please remember the first lesson begins at 9:00 which is a core lesson, including RWI. If your child is late they will miss the teacher input - the direct teaching and modelling.




Picture News

14th – 20th October 2024



**Fantastic achievements
everyone!**

Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
NAM	Freya	For independently ordering the owls from the biggest to the smallest and using the correct language to match.
NPM	Millie	For independently saying which was the biggest and smallest Owl and then putting them in size order.
RG	Ellanna B	For an amazing drawing in the style of L.S Lowry. Ellanna created her own version of "the Mill". What a lovely budding artist. Well done J
RJ	Kristian Kulpa	For bringing your Woodlands smile to school every day and trying hard in everything you do – you have settled in brilliantly – well done!
1W	Oliver F	For an excellent retell of Whatever Next! Oliver did an incredible job with his writing and made sure to include capital letters, full stops, adjectives and question marks. Well done Oliver!
1S	Miley J	For her hard work and perseverance when completing a drawing inspired by Vincent van Gogh. Miley took her time to use lots of different types of lines to mirror the artwork. Well done Miley!
2CP	Livvy D	For overcoming her fears and pushing herself to try new foods at lunchtime, which she really enjoyed. Keep it up Livvy, we are all very proud of you!
2D	Harvey G	For recalling super facts and answering lots of questions about our current history topic, 'The Great Fire of London.' Well done Harvey! J
3A	Carrick B-S	Carrick's wonderful retell of 'The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig.' Carrick used a variety of sentence openers and prepositions. Well done star writer! J
3G	Sahil S	For settling really well into 3G and approaching every task with a Woodlands smile.
4R	Miyah-Leigh E	For a super diary entry from Oliver's point of view. Miyah used all the features of a diary and it was a pleasure to read. Well done.
4N	Ethan O	Using his previous work and the text to magpie ideas for his writing in English. You used lots of lovely phrases to write a diary entry.
5HO	Jayden-James E	For reading his home reader and carefully using the text to answer retrieval questions with enthusiasm. Well done Jayden! Keep reading J
5HA	Amelia D	For a fantastic first write. Amelia has written a lovely diary entry from the perspective of Michael and has included a range of grammatical features. Well Done it was lovely to read.
6P	Frankie C	For stepping into a new role in our class assembly and doing such a phenomenal job! Thank you so much Frankie.
6E	Jack L	For showing increasing bravery and resilience in the face of challenge. Jack tackles every tricky learning task with a smile and eagerness to learn. I am so proud of you.

Dates on the horizon

Monday 14th to Thursday 17th October	3:30 Book Fair Week for all children
Wednesday 16 th and Thursday 17 th October	Parent Consultation evenings
Friday 18th October	First Aid Workshops for Y5 and Y6
Monday 21st October	Explore and Discovery Week: On Monday children can create crazy, colourful hairstyles which we know will last the week. On Friday children can wear crazy, mismatched outfits. The more crazy the better!
Monday 21st October	Y6 to Bryntysilio for the week
Tuesday 22nd October	4:30 Nursery and Reception Pumpkin Party (Child and parent together)
Tuesday 22nd October	Y3 visiting Think Tank
Wednesday 23rd October	Phonics and Reading Parents Workshop 2:15 and repeated at 4:30
Thursday 24th October	After school, Halloween Disco for Years 1 to 6
	Y1 and Y2 3:30 to 4:30 (change in school into their Halloween outfits)
	Y3 to Y6 4:45 to 5:45
Friday 25th October	Nasal Flu vaccination for YR to Y5 (Y6 in December)
Friday 25th October	School closes for half term
Monday 4th November	School opens
Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th	Reception Road Safety Walk with a parent
Monday 11th November	Anti Bullying week starts and Odd Socks Day
Friday 15th November	Children In Need. Non uniform for a donation of £1.00 through Scopay
Friday 15th November	Last day for Christmas Dinner Orders.
Tuesday 19th November	2:45, 2CP Class Assembly, parents invited
Tuesday 19th November	4:00 Y5 Parents, Queen Mary Grammar Schools Information Meeting
Wednesday 20th November	Y1 visit to the Toy Museum
Friday 22nd November	Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fayre Items
Tuesday 26th November	2:45, 1S Class Assembly, parents invited
Wednesday 27th November	11:00 Christmas Dinner for Y4 and a parent / carer
Wednesday 27th November	Evening Walsall Arena Performance by the choir
Wednesday 4th December	Christmas Fayre
Friday 6th December	Y6 Flu nasal vaccination (and for children that missed the first vaccination)
Wednesday 11th December	11:00 Christmas Dinner for Y3 and a parent / carer. Christmas dinner for all the school, parents need to book their child's dinner through Scopay by Friday 15th November.
Thursday 12th December	Y4 visit to The Black Country Museum (change in date)
Tuesday 17th December	Y6 visit to the Theatre
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Performances: 9:15 Nursery & Reception. 2:00 Y1 & Y2
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Performances: 9:15 Y1 & Y2. 2:00 Nursery & Reception

Online Concerns:

Adult animation that your child may have found on youtube



Jeffy: What is it and what do you need to look out for?



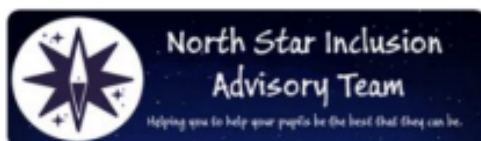
Jeffy is the main character of a popular YouTube puppet show watched by millions of people published by the channel SuperMarioLogan. At first glance, the puppets and other Muppet-like characters may seem child friendly, but in reality, the videos include a lot of profanity and trivialise some very serious issues such as suicide and learning disabilities.

How do I prevent my child from watching Jeffy?

Following several complaints from concerned parents, Jeffy was given an adult rating by YouTube and can now only be watched by older audiences. To prevent your child from accessing inappropriate content, make sure they are watching videos through the YouTube Kids app. When using this particular version of the video-sharing platform, the content they can access will be filtered so that no content containing profanity, violence or nudity is available.

If you are wondering how to set up and use YouTube Kids, the Digital Schools Membership includes a separate handout exploring all the functions of YouTube Kids and how to use it.

Information from parents or external local groups that have asked Woodlands to share with the school community



AET North Star Federation-Walsall LA Hub 2024-2025

FREE Family Support Sessions

Please note, Families can attend who might be awaiting/suspect a diagnosis, seeking the 'right support at the right time'.

Family Sessions Early Years (0-5 +/-2years)

Making Sense of Autism

16th September 2024 09:30 – 11:00
11th November 2024 13:00 – 14:30
14th January 2025 09:30 – 11:00
06th March 2025 09:30 – 11:00
01st May 2025 13:00 – 14:30
02nd July 2025 13:00 – 14:30



**Developed by
leading autism
specialists**

Family Sessions Schools (5-16+-4 years)

Making Sense of Autism

16th September 2024 13:00 – 14:30
12th November 2024 09:30 – 11:00
13th January 2025 13:00 – 14:30
07th March 2025 9:30 – 11:00
02nd May 2025 13:00 – 14:30
02nd July 2025 09:30 – 11:00



**Up to date
with the latest
research**

Family Sessions Post 16(14 and beyond +/- 2 years)

Making Sense of Autism

17th September 2024 09:30 – 11:00
14th November 2024 13:00 – 14:30
15th January 2025 09:30 – 11:00
06th March 2025 13:00 – 14:30
20th May 2025 13:00 – 14:30
03rd July 2025 09:30 – 11:00

Venue: Rushall Primary School, Pelsall Lane, Walsall, WS4 1NG

Booking: Please book via www.bookwhen.com/niat

Enquiries: Contact Samantha Harrison at North Star Inclusion Advisory Team on 01922 682300 Opt 3 or email Samantha.harrison@northstarfederation.org.uk

Parking: Please be aware if your session starts at 09:15 do not arrive on site before 09:00am. The carparks will not be available to you before 09:00am.

Due to construction work please use the first carpark on THE left of the drive (opposite the fields)

FREE sessions suitable for all to attend.

Training suitable for Families, settings and professionals to attend.

Autism and Anxiety

13th November 2024 09:15 – 12:15
07th March 2025 13:00 – 16:00
20th May 2025 09:15 – 12:15

Autism and Inclusion

13th November 2024 13:00 – 16:00