



Tividale Community Primary School

Newsletter - Summer 2014

End of Year...

As we come to the end of another very busy school year, we again have many successes on which to reflect. These include very good SATs results at both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. We also achieved an 86% success rate in the new Y1 Phonics screening check. All of our results compare very favourably to the national averages, in most cases far exceeding them. Congratulations to both the children and the staff across the whole school for all their hard work and efforts this year. We have also had a wide variety of music concerts and productions taking place, very successful Christmas and Summer Fayres, three well attended children's discos, residential and other class visits, plus a variety of sports events. The high standard of these performances have been reflective of the number of very talented children we have at Tividale. In getting to this point, may we thank you for your on-going support and also express our sincere thanks in supporting your children with their school and homework across the year.

Staffing

As is often the case at the end of a school year, we have a number of staff changes of which to make you aware.

Mrs Mulhern will be leaving us as she has been successfully appointed to a Deputy Head role at All Saints Primary School and Miss Fowler is going to take up a teaching post at Victoria Park school.

We have appointed 2 new full time teachers, Mr Floud and Miss Collett, and a part-time teacher, Mrs MacLennan who will be working in Y1 with Mrs Shields. Mrs Findon is leaving her class post but will be working as an ICT support teacher at Tividale.

Also, at the end of this term we have Miss Green and Mrs Rishi going on maternity leave, whilst Mrs Bal has returned from her maternity leave.

Miss Gill is also moving on, to take up a full time role in Birmingham. Her post was a job share with Mrs Sylvester, who has agreed to return to work full time.

We extend a warm welcome to the new staff joining us and extend our thanks and very best wishes to those leaving.

Dinners, Free School Meals, Fruit, Milk and Juice

From September, the Local Authority have announced that there will be no increase to the price of school dinners. It will remain at £2.00 per day or £10.00 per week.

Can we remind you that from September ALL pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal under the new government scheme. Thank you to those of you who have signed up for this as requested.

Correct change and monies are to be paid in a named envelope on a Monday would be much appreciated. Free fruit continues to be available in Early Years and Key Stage 1.

Children in Key Stage 2 may if they wish bring a healthy mid-morning snack, e.g. fruit, but definitely not chocolate, sweets, crisps or fizzy drinks. Orange juice will continue to be available at £1.00 per week for children that do not have milk.

Medicines in School

For all those parents whose children have medicines, including asthma inhalers, in school, could we ask you to please check these when they are sent home and ensure new ones are brought back with your children in September.

Car Parking

You may have noticed that over the past few weeks, the police have been having a higher profile around school watching over parking, especially at the beginning and the end of the day. On the police website, it does mention that they will start issuing parking fines on the spot. From our point of view, this is about keeping our children safe, and I would ask parents to park safely and considerably all of the time, not just when the police are present.

We appreciate that it is difficult to park around school, but please be reminded about the offer from the Gurdwara across the road that parents are able to use their car park. This is a very kind offer and we thank them for their generosity.

Many thanks for your continued support in this respect and remember to be safe - Park and Stride!

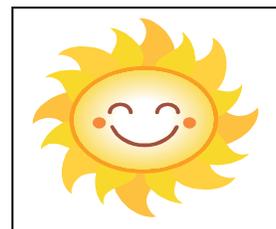
Thankyou...

A big thankyou to Mr Patel, parent of Kyra in Y1 and Suraya in Nursery, who has donated on behalf of National Express, 60 day travel cards. This is a very generous gift, and will be used by the children on a school trip next year.

Finally...

As always seems to be the case, time has flown by and another school year has ended. A big well done, good bye and good luck must go to our wonderful Year 6 children who move on to the next stage of their education from September, we wish you all the best and look forward to hearing of all of your achievements in the coming years.

May we take this opportunity to again thank parents for your continued support throughout this year and wish you a very good summer holiday. The new school year for 2014/15 starts for children on Wednesday 3rd September.



Signed: **Headteacher**

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