

Weekly Mail Drop 22.04.24

We have had a very busy and productive start to the term. Parent consultations take place this week, Wednesday 4.00 - 6.00 and Friday 1.00 - 3.00. These are the 3rd of 3 consultations this year and are teacher led. You should previously have received your specific time slot. Please contact the school office if you have not. Please bring your child with you if possible so he/she can be involved in the discussion and have a chance to share their jotter work with you.

As a staff we have recently been creating a draft of our curriculum rationale and reviewing a number of policies and procedures across the school. We would really value your ideas and suggestions in relation to these. If you are interested in joining a short life working party to contribute to any of the work we are currently doing around this please contact the school office and let us know.

We have joined with Ladywood Leisure Centre and can now offer a Breakfast Club there which is free of charge for a maximum of 30 children. The club runs from 7.30am each day and is staffed by the leisure centre and 2 of our learning assistants from school. Children receive breakfast and then play games in the sports hall before school staff walk them to school for 8.50am. If you would like a space for your child, please let the school office know and someone from the breakfast club will be in touch with you.

Primary 1 and 2 are aiming to further develop the play opportunities indoors and outdoors for our children. Any donations of play resources would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support. Donations could include:

- clothes, shoes and accessories (adult sizes)
- any old electrical equipment- house phones, laptops (not working) etc
- toy cars, animals, figures
- complete jigsaws
- pots, pans and utensils
- guttering, pipes, decking boards

A gentle reminder to please check your child's electronic devices on a regular basis. We have been made aware of a number of inappropriate behaviours and materials circulating across a range of social media sites. The majority of social media sites have an age restriction of 13 years however if your child is accessing these sites, it is recommended that you add parental controls if you



haven't already done so and check what your child is accessing on a regular basis.

As you know we have traffic restrictions in place at the front and the back of school during drop off and pick up times. This is for the safety of our children. The drop off option in the staff car park is no longer in place. Please do not park on the double yellow lines at any time. We are very concerned about the extent of traffic in this area at the start and end of the day and as such it may be necessary to close the car park at these times. We will continue to monitor this area over the next few weeks. While we appreciate that these are very busy times in the day for you and restrictions can be inconvenient, the safety of our children is of utmost importance to us. Please support us by adhering to the restrictions in place and being mindful of children when driving in surrounding areas of the school.

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They don't have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice. Treat head lice as soon as you spot them and ensure you complete the full treatment. There's no need to keep your child off school if he/she has head lice. For further information on how to spot and treat headlice please visit the NHS website https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/

<u>Dates for your diary</u>
Wednesday 24th April AM
Nursery, P1 and P7 class photos will take place in school

Wednesday 8th May 5pm - 6pm Parent Information Session for Ford Castle residential

Please have a lovely week, everyone. Take care and look after yourself and your family.

Pauline Mark