

Severne Primary Newsletter

Friday 27th October 2023

Busy, busy, busy.

What a fantastic half-term our children have had, they have been working hard within their lessons and we have had many events including: visits to places of interest; football tournaments and pupil and Parents/Carers workshops to name but a few.

Parent Meetings

In addition, we have held many parent meetings including: meet the team; coffee afternoon with the Head; Restart the Heart and a SEND workshop. Thank you to all those parents who attended, I hope you found them useful and informative.

As part of the coffee afternoon this week, parents were invited to make suggestions as to the type of workshop we should hold in the future. Thank you for the suggestions so far of a Maths workshop to support maths at home and a Mental Health workshop. If you have any suggestions please do let us know.

Clocks go back on Sunday 29th October

Reminder: our clocks go back by one hour on Sunday 29th October, this will mean darker days travelling to and from school over the winter months. With this in mind, please encourage your children to wear something bright (scarf, hat or gloves etc) or carry a lighter coloured bag so that they can be seen easily and are safe.



Parking

Please can I remind Parents/Carers, to park away from the school entrance so that everybody can get into our school safely. Please also be mindful of where you park, parking on pavements and the corners of roads can make it very difficult for pedestrians and families with pushchairs to walk along the pavement and cross the road safely.

Our neighbours of our school use their drives and there have been several reports of parents blocking drives so they can not get out to go to work or drop their own children off to their schools. Please think about where you are parking and be respectful to our neighbours.

Cashless System: Bromcom

Now is the time for ALL Parents/Carers to ensure that you have signed up to our 'My child at school'. School will no longer be taking cash payments after half term and all communication will be through the app.

Homework

We cannot emphasise enough how important it is to support your child with their weekly homework and daily reading. We, in partnership with you our Parents/Carers want to ensure our children enjoy and achieve throughout their time at Severne. Please ensure reading is recorded in your child's Reading Record Diary.

Asthma and Medicines

If your child uses an inhaler at school, please pop in and check it is in date, (this is Parents/Carers responsibility).

An asthma attack can be frightening for young children, so please, please help us keep them safe and check their inhalers!



Please note: This also applies to medicines in school for allergies, please come along and check that this is in date.

Term – Time Leave of Absence.

May we respectfully offer some clarity regarding Leave in Term - Time.

There appears to be some confusion for Parents/Carers regarding leave for holidays in term – time.

I can confirm that any leave taken for holidays will be recorded as un-authorized.



This code will be an unauthorised absence and will be pursued under the Fast Track programme, which again, may incur a fine under the BCC, Education Welfare Service Court Section.



All leave **must** be applied for **prior** to the leave being taken.

Amendment to The Education (Pupil Registration England) Regulations 2006, means that Headteachers may no longer authorise leave during term time apart from where the circumstances are exceptional. This is also in accordance with Birmingham Local Authority's 'Leave in Term Time Guidance'.

Leave taken without notice will be recorded as un-authorized.

Please understand that this may lead to the issuing of a penalty notice and legal action being taken or your child losing their school place.

Friday 27th October 2023	Children break up at 3:00pm for half term.	
Monday 6 th November 2023	Children return to school.	
Monday 13 th November 2023	Diwali Celebrations and Odd Sock Day (Anti-Bullying)	Children can come to school dressed in their special clothes with odd socks
Friday 17 th November 2023	Children in Need Day- We're there for you	Children can come to school dressed in their spotty clothes.
Friday 8th December 2023	Teacher Training Day	School closed for all pupils
Monday 11 th December 2023	Music Concert	2:00pm Years 4, 5 and 6 will perform to their parents.
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	Reception Nativity	2:00pm in the Junior Hall Donations buckets will be out collecting for our new stage.
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	KS1 Nativity	9:00am in the Junior Hall Donation buckets will be out collecting for our new stage.
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Table decoration workshop. 	3:15pm Parents and children are invited along to make a Table decoration. The cost of this is to be confirmed.
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Years 3 and Year 4 Christmas parties	Year 3 and Year 4 children can come to school in their own clothes. Please ensure that they wear sensible footwear.
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Parties	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children can come to school in their own clothes. Please ensure that they wear sensible footwear.
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas parties	Year 5 and Year 6 children can come to school in their own clothes. Please ensure that they wear sensible footwear.
Friday 22 nd December 2023	Break up for Christmas	

And Finally:

I would like to say a big thank you, to you, our Parents/Carers for your support throughout this busy half-term. Your children are a credit to you.

Enjoy a great half-term break with your children and we look forward to welcoming your children back to school on:

Monday 6th November

Mrs S McMahon



Head Teacher

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