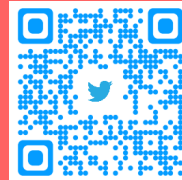




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Hello everyone,

We had an absolute ball on Tuesday this week! Our whole school trip to **Birmingham Hippodrome** to see the pantomime **Peter Pan** was brilliant, with our very own **Mr Bates and Layla** (from Year 4) taking a starring role! The children's behaviour was outstanding, we are so proud of them, a **BIG thank you to all our children**. A **huge thank you also to all the staff** who made this trip possible—it is testament to the staff commitment that every member of staff, from across all areas of school, accompanied the children to ensure they were safe and had the best time ever! And thank you to you for your support in keeping the roads clear so that the children could return safely—it truly was our **#thorntonfamily at their best!**



The **Year 4 multiplication tables check meeting** on Wednesday was well attended by parents/carers, thank you. We know that the current Times Table Rock Stars competition run by Mr Mason will certainly help in learning times tables! Keep up the good work everyone!

There's lots of new activities taking place at **Ward End Wellbeing Centre** (www.weaewa.com), 110 Sladefield Road that you may find useful including:

1. Digital Skills 6 week course
2. Breakfast Club: Rise & Shine
3. NEW Mommy and Me, Fitness Fun
4. Men's Health; cooking and exercise classes
5. NEW Women's Health
6. Sisters Somatic Singing with Birmingham Opera Co.
7. NEW C.V. Clinic

This month's **musical word of the month is tempo**. This means **'the speed of the music'**.



You should have had a letter yesterday telling you how to **book your parents' evening appointment online using SchoolCloud**. If you need any help with this, please telephone the school or pop into Reception and we will be happy to help. Parents' evening dates are:

Tempo	
Adagio	Slow
Andante	At a walking pace
Moderato	At a medium tempo
Allegro	Fast and Lively

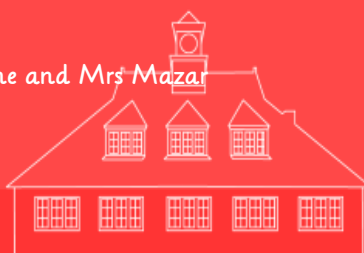
Wednesday 29th January 3.45-6.15pm OR Wednesday 5th February 3.45-6.15pm

And finally, we are looking forward to welcoming **Year 5 parents/carers** in to school to view the **exhibition of the children's work on the Ancient Kingdom of Benin in West Africa on Tuesday 28th January 9-10am**.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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School Attendance



Class Attendance

Well Done to 5BA for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week.

Our school attendance last week was 93.7%

Why is Good Punctuality Important...

Being at school every day from 8.30am is important to your child's education. They benefit from well planned sequences of lessons designed to ensure that they make the best possible progress. If they are frequently late this learning is disrupted and makes it difficult for your child to keep up. Being at school early means that they are ready for the start of lessons and alert and ready to learn. Children who arrive late are often tired and miss the very important explanations at the start of lessons by teachers. Thank you to all the parents and carers for working in partnership with school by ensuring their children arrive to school on time, everyday.



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 27th January

Year 4

Tuesday 28th January

Swimming for 4NG and 4AA.
4NG MUST be in school for 8.25am

Wednesday 29th January

Year 3

Thursday 30th January

Year 5

Friday 31st January

Year 6

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 29th January

Parents evening
3:45-6:15pm

Monday 3rd February

Year 4 Chinese New Year Assembly for Yr 4 Parents/Carer.

Tuesday 4th February

4SH & 4TW Visit to Lapworth Museum Trip

Wednesday 5th February

Parents Evening
3:45-6:15pm

Thursday 6th February

4AA & 4NG Visit Lapworth Museum Trip

Friday 7th February

Time to talk parents coffee morning with Compass.



Academic Year 2024-2025

Half-term: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

Spring Term 2 starts: Monday 24 February 2025 until Friday 11 April 2025

Easter holidays

Monday 14th April until Friday 25th April 2025

Summer Term 1 Starts: Monday 28th April 2025 until Friday 23rd May 2025

Teacher Training Day: Thursday 1st May 2025

Bank Holiday School closed: Monday 5th May 2025

Half-Term holiday: Monday 26th May 2025 until Friday 30th May

Dinner Money



Over the coming weeks, we shall be contacting parents whose dinner debt is over £26.00 to clear the debt. All meals must be paid for in advance or by the end of the week at the latest. Payments must be made on ParentPay, we will accept cash payments if you can not access ParentPay.

Dinner money is £2.60 per day— £13 per week.

Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day and £1.00 for any siblings.

After school club is £4.00 per day and £2.00 for any siblings.

There is a late pickup charge (£4) for pupils picked up after 4pm.