



Lapal

Primary School

Newsletter

April 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

On Friday 5th May we are inviting all children to come to school dressed in red, white, and blue to celebrate the King's coronation. Alternatively, your child may wish to come dressed as a prince, princess, king or queen for the day! Due to the changeable weather forecast we have decided to eat indoors rather than picnic on the field on this occasion. The children will be participating in activities throughout the day in order to learn more about this momentous occasion and join together for a whole school assembly. We look forward to celebrating this significant event in school with the children this week.

Throughout the summer term we have some special events and important dates we would like to share with you in advance. Please see a list of dates and times on the following page.

Our older children have been working incredibly hard on the run up to SATs, I wish year 6 all the best for next week. Make sure you all have a lovely weekend and a good night's sleep on Monday, ready for the week ahead!

I hope you all have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Turner

Diary Dates

Spring 2023 Term starts

3rd January

Half term

20th February -24th February

Term ends

31st March

Summer 2023 Term starts

17th April

Half term

30th May -2nd June

Term ends

25th July

Inset Days

Friday 26th May

Coronation meal—3rd May

Box meal dinner—18th

May

Please see our online calendar on our website for all our event information.

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child then please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Mrs Atkinson, or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads Mrs Turner, Mr Maynes, Miss Gillon or Mr Rizzo.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. If we are concerned about a child we have a duty to contact Children's Service, if you are concerned about a child, outside school, then you can call 0300 555 0050 with your concerns and seek advice. Our safeguarding policy can be found on our school website.

Summer 2023 Event Dates

Please see below the dates and times for our summer activities, more details will be sent out for specific events.

May Day – Monday 1st May

Key Stage 1 – Year 2 SATs (throughout the month of May)

Kings Coronation – Monday 8th May

KS2 - Year 6 SATs week – Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May

INSET Day – Friday 26th May

Half Term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Timetables check for Year 4 pupils – Monday 5th June – Friday 23rd June

Year 6 Residential – Wednesday 7th June – Friday 9th June

Year 1 phonics screening – Monday 12th June – Friday 23rd June

Sports Day (all year groups) - Thursday 22nd June (reserve date – Thursday 29th June)

EYFS & Key Stage 1 10.00am – 11.30am

Key Stage 2 1.30pm- 3pm

Class Photographs (not individual) – Tuesday 27th June

EYFS Graduation – Thursday 13th July at 9.30am

Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Monday 24th July at 9.30am

Reception

EYFS have been busy looking for signs of summer. We went on a walk around the school and found, blossom on the trees, daisies, green grass and shoots. EYFS then carried on looking for signs in their busy time. EYFS wrote amazing sentences to tell me what they have found.



Year 1

Year One thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Botanical Gardens and Glasshouses last week. In the morning they spent some time exploring the range of plants which were growing in the glasshouses and sketched some of these. After lunch they enjoyed some time playing in the ground in the glorious sunshine. Then after lunch the children attended an interactive 'Growth' workshop where they learnt lots of facts as well as having lots of fun!



Year 2

We had a wonderful time on our Trip to the West Midlands Safari Park . The children have been excellent Lapal ambassadors, showing just how well behaved and polite we are! We were very lucky to be able to spot so many different animals on our Safari, which was made even more exciting by being on a double decker bus! The children had maps of the park to follow and questions to answer for their teachers. They were fantastic at using this to identify the route, amount of animals spotted and whether they originate from the continents of Africa or Asia.

After lunch we had an explore around the park, looking at various reptiles and animals found in Africa. We then met our African Walking guides who were very impressed with our Geographical knowledge on Africa. It was great to see the African village and learn about how mud huts were made. We also learnt lots about native African animals including meerkats, Lemurs and Hippos.

To finish we managed to explore other parts of the park including the Tiger trail, African animal trail and even had a quick look at the dinosaurs before we left. We had lots of happy and tired children on the journey home.



Year 6

In Year 6 this month, we have started our new DT unit of 'Using Computer Aided Design' with a focus of Designer bags. The children have created mood boards by using Google Docs and have begun to practise a range of sewing techniques. This includes Running stitch and backstitch.



Alongside this, we have continued our work on All Around the World. We have focussed on lines of longitude and latitude and how they help support us when looking at the world.

Nearly New Sale



We now have a nearly new sale in the school reception area, for any parents / carers looking to purchase school uniform items.

All we ask is for a minimum donation of £1 per item.



DONATIONS

We are currently asking for donations of:



Games for children to use during wet play

Lego for our Lego therapy sessions



Used uniform for our Pre-loved sale that we will be running during our Summer term



INFORMATION

Before & After School Club

Breakfast Club 8am-8:40am
After School Club 3:20pm- 6pm
Tel: 01384 812642

When collecting from After School Club please be aware of pedestrians when exiting the car park.

NSPCC Helpline number

The new helpline will support children and young people, and offer guidance to adults and staff working with pupils,

The helpline can be contacted on **0800 136 663**, or by emailing help@nspcc.org.uk

Pupil Absence

If your child is ill or unable to attend school, could we please remind parents to either leave a message on the school absence line or call the main office before 9:30am on each day of absence.

If a call is not received by this time then the school office, will call key contacts for an update.

Parking and One Way



Could we please remind parents / carers to please not park or mount the grass verges, especially in the wet weather when they can be easily churned up and become muddy, and also not park completely on the pavement or on the yellow lines outside the school entrance **which is illegal**.

We have also received complaints from residents regarding cars idling whilst waiting outside of the school at drop off and collection times, this creates a lot of pollution outside of the school gates. Please help to keep our children safe and residents happy - thank you.

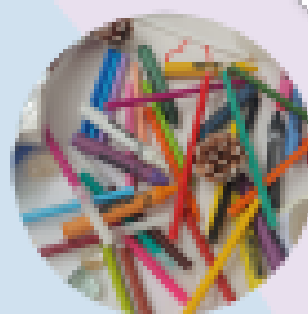
Dying Matters Week

8 - 14 May 2023



Creative art allows you the freedom to explore how you're feeling without the use of words.

There are varying ways to explore your creativity, and we would like you to join us for our drop-in sessions as we explore thoughts and feelings associated with loss and grief through arts, crafts and poems.



Children and young people event:
Saturday 13th May
10am - 2pm
The Education Room, Red House Glass Cone,
Stourbridge, DY8 4AZ



Adult event:
Thursday 11th May
10am - 2pm
Stourbridge Institute, 12 Market Street, Stourbridge, DY8 1AD

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