

Newsletter ~ 21.5.2021



You'll find lots of useful information in our newsletter

- Please wear a face mask whilst on the school site and follow the one way system
- Gates open at 8.45am and close at 9.00am - please don't be late - thanks
- We break up on Friday 28 May and return on Monday 7 June 2021

Message from Mr Lamorte - Head of School



Firstly, I hope all of our children and families who have recently been celebrating Eid, had a really good time, following Ramadan. Many of the children have been talking about it in school and it's great to see that they have enjoyed their celebrations.

The academic year is rattling by at a speed of knots with just over seven weeks left of the school year. It continues to be very busy in school with Y1 children enjoying time with an artist from the IKON Gallery this week. The levels of creativeness and concentration from the children was impressive and it was lovely to see the children benefitting from the expertise and guidance of a professional artist, as part of our wider curriculum offer.

Children and staff in 1M, 4B and 5M have also been working with 'Stan's Café!' and no, they haven't been learning how to make a full English or continental breakfast! They have been working on how to develop our curriculum offer to make it even more exciting and creative, to ensure full participation and motivation with lessons. Children held a race day using a very large Scalextric set and developed the opportunity to develop their speech and language skills through commentating, and writing skills through writing accounts of their races. The levels of engagement have been impressive! We really look forward to continuing our partnership with Stan's Café over the coming year.

While the country seems to be preparing for an easing of Covid restrictions, it is important to highlight that our rigorous risk assessment is still in place. Please continue to follow the important safety guidelines below.

- 1) Please continue to wear facemasks when on the school site. We have noticed that fewer number of parents are wearing them and we would like everyone, except those medically exempt, to wear them please.
- 2) Please follow the one-way system. We have noticed a small but persistent number of parents arriving in the main playground and walking down to the Y2 classes. Anyone wishing to collect from Y2 or Y1 classes should arrive by the entrance on Staple Lodge Road, and up the ramp.
- 3) Please stay 2 meters away from other parents in the playground.

School has done exceptionally well so far during the pandemic and we would like everyone to continue working together to keep Covid at bay.

Don't forget we break up for half term next Friday, 28th May.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend and I hope the sun reappears for us all!.

[Our Nursery places for September 2021 are filling up fast.](#)

If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31 August 2018 and need a nursery place, please contact the school office and we can send you an application form.



Class	Week ending 7 May 2021 April 21
1M	Harvey
1W	Danar
2L	
2T	Sumaya
3B	Ilhina
3R	
4B	Marcella
4F	Valwela
5M	Laura
5W	Zahara
6C	
6R	Alyssa

FoodCycle ~ West Heath

There is a new food provision opening on Sundays in West Heath between 1 and 2pm. Initially this is a cook & collect FREE meal, but when restrictions lift we will move to community dining. This is free for all regardless of financial circumstances.

FoodCycle turn surplus fruit, vegetables and bread into nutritious vegetarian meals.

Please share the flyer amongst your families - they are also looking for volunteers to join the team either to host or cook.



Free School meal vouchers

FSM Vouchers to cover half term holiday week have been sent out ~ please check your text messages.

School crossing patrol warden job



 **Birmingham City Council**

School Crossings Patrol Warden needed locally

Pay Rate £17,007 - £19,446 (part time)

Working on average 8 to 10 hours per week



You will assist at places where children/adults cross roads on their way to and from school (or on their way from one part of a school to another) during the prescribed hours, ensuring their safe passage, and will also be responsible for reporting any problems encountered to supervisors.

- You will need to be caring, reliable and must have good verbal communication skills to enable you to communicate effectively with a range of people in differing situations.
- You will need to be available term time mornings and afternoons during the school run.
- All leave must be taken in school holidays.
- Successful applicants will be provided with a uniform and training.
- A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be undertaken.

Application Forms can be completed online: www.birmingham.gov.uk/jobs

Any Questions call School Crossings on 0121 303 7777
or email: sc.t002006@birmingham.gov.uk

Important please do not send **any food items containing nuts** into school - such as peanut butter sandwiches. A copy of our nut policy is shown below.



Chartwells Schools Nut Policy

I. Chartwells will never use nuts or any product containing nuts as an ingredient within our food offer in schools.

II. Occasionally Chartwells may carefully use products with a 'may contain' declaration for nuts, as long as no nuts are present in the ingredient list.

III. If used, any 'May contain nuts' ingredients will be clearly identified on Allergen Reports in line with the Food Information Regulations.

IV. Pupils with a nut allergy/allergies should request a medical diet menu which will remove any 'may contain nuts' products, if used, from their menu.

V. If no ingredients with a 'may contain nuts' declaration are used on a school menu then a nut free medical diet menu is not required. In this instance, pupils with a nut allergy will be advised that they can eat from the main school menu.

Please note:

Chartwells do not endorse a completely 'no nuts' environment as we believe we have a duty of care to educate our pupils and staff on how to handle and manage their food allergy(ies) safely in the school environment.

This advice is consistent with external governing bodies and charities who state that a completely 'nut free' environment is artificial and can provide pupils with a false sense of security.

However, where a school-directed 'no nut' policy applies, Chartwells will support and comply and will not use any 'may contain nuts' ingredients.

For further information please contact the Chartwells medical diets team: chartwells_medicaldiets@compass-group.co.uk

Nut Policy Statement Version 1: July 2020

Please do not bring your own hand sanitisers into school - some children may be allergic to certain ingredients ~ thank you.



Wigwam is Proud to present our:

May/June Half Term Holiday Club: Comic Book Capers

Join us 1st-4th June for an adventure into the world of Comic Books. We will be creating Greeting cards with an impact through Onomatopoeias (POW, BANG, POP), turning ourselves into Comic Book

characters with our OCs (Original Characters) Comic Story Boards and then bringing those Comics to life with Jumbo Speech Bubbles and some artistic Photography.

And of course it can't be a Wigwam Holiday Club without the final day (Friday 4th June) 'Dress as your Comic Creation' Comic Book Caper Party to 'close the book' at the end of the week.

A full price list is available upon request.

Any enquiries about Holiday Club/ Before and After School club should be sent to MARK at: wigwam@bright-kids.co.uk¹

PE days

Class	Day
Nursery	Thursday
RD	Tuesday
RS	Wednesday
TM	Wednesday & Thursday
1W	Wednesday Thursday
2L	Thursday & Friday
2F	Monday & Thursday
3B	Tuesday & Friday
3R	Tuesday & Friday
4B	Monday & Friday
4F	Wednesday & Thursday
5M	Monday & Friday
5W	Monday & Friday
6C	Monday & Thursday
6B	Tuesday & Wednesday

¹<mailto:wigwam@bright-kids.co.uk>

Reminder - please complete and return any medical or dietary forms to school as soon as possible.

Safeguarding



Safeguarding:

During this time, some children in the community will count heavily on neighbours to look out for them and keep them safe. If you are concerned about a child, please contact one of the following organisations in confidence to report your concerns:

- Birmingham Children's Trust (CASS) - 0121 303 1888 option 2, option 2
- NSPCC - Tel: 0808 800 5000, report online at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/report/>²
- or email NSPCC directly at help@nspcc.org.uk
- Police - If a child is in immediate danger, please dial 999

It is normal to feel anxious, nervous or unsure about getting in touch with the agencies above but please be assured that the agencies are there to help and take that worry from you. Letting us or an agency know that you're worried about a child could be the first step to helping protect them from a lifetime of abuse and neglect.

²<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nspcc.org.uk%2Fkeeping-children-safe%2Freporting-abuse%2Freport%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308796429|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=ZKr1rOjXQm5x0ZVelkVurdf0O5Qj%2BYZqM5qSq6SdOYw%3D&reserved=0>

Childhood Mental Health:

We know that during this period of further uncertainty, both child and adult mental health can be affected.

We have therefore included some links below of agencies that can provide some emotional support for you and your child, if needed, during this time.

Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>³

Forward Thinking Birmingham/PAUSE: <https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause>⁴

The Children's Society: <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/see-hear-respond>⁵

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/information/young-people/well-being/resources>⁶

Mind: https://www.mind.org.uk/donate/?gclid=CjwKCAiAl4WABhAJEiwATUnEF52WLN2HWoz0uF0bOt5__7RUMTT0TdYpqvwVj_TJp6oN8iLyB-l7xBoCwzqQAvD_BwE⁷

Samaritans: <https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/>⁸

³<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childline.org.uk%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308806387|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=BB62BQjzoP8ql%2FIP7RH9GSWrF0aBG5ZaMoSmb6PJiY%3D&reserved=0>

⁴<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk%2Fservices%2F13-pause&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308806387|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=F9H07QwLP2AP4NY15DH6WuwkCtSVGvc%2BSynoUupd9E0%3D&reserved=0>

⁵<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childrensociety.org.uk%2Fsee-hear-respond&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308816340|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=PJjiSHGulP2647byDX3Ttlm0bKwc8PurYtdw28IOEXY%3D&reserved=0>

⁶<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childrensociety.org.uk%2Finformation%2Fyoung-people%2Fwell-being%2Fresources&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308816340|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=0AaohrlVqvUTEsn4tTzBSgAbFA37%2FbLb0Szxmx1kmw%3D&reserved=0>

⁷https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mind.org.uk%2Fdonate%2F%3Fgclid%3DCjwKCAiAl4WABhAJEiwATUnEF52WLN2HWoz0uF0bOt5__7RUMTT0TdYpqvwVj_TJp6oN8iLyB-l7xBoCwzqQAvD_BwE&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308826298|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=c8VgRAUXs%2FvlKYJzQxzSyYKd9VjAFMYfHopsD%2BvlA0o%3D&reserved=0

⁸<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.samaritans.org%2Fhow-we-can-help%2Fcontact-samaritan%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308826298|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=3UmPhJl0ffbBlGM5Y6mr3eVUUFUpblHhqcJb7kaYzOM%3D&reserved=0>

If you would like to speak to someone in school regarding which service you feel would be beneficial to you, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



Please see a letter from Hayley Eaton, Safeguarding Lead, regarding online safety on our school website. The letter can be found in the Key Information section.

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