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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school. The children have all settled in so well. They look very smart in their new uniform. I spotted Year 6 doing PE - they looked fantastic in their new Castlefields sports t-shirts, shorts and trainers - well done parents.

This Week's News ...

New children in Nursery are settling in well and Rowan class (Reception) have settled brilliantly. We would also like to welcome Penny Smith into Year 1, Lily Darby into Year 3 and Esme Peace into Year 5.

Walking Bus

The Walking Bus started on Wednesday with 8 children walking to school. We would like some new members so please consider walking on a Wednesday morning from Paulbrook Road or joining us on route. It is such a good way to start the day and really promotes our healthy outlook on getting to school. Try walking it is good for the soul.

Library Summer Reading Challenge

If your child took part in the Summer Reading Challenge at Bridgnorth library please encourage them to bring in their medal. We are really promoting reading this year and it is good to celebrate this in assembly.

New Adventure Playground

As you have probably noticed the Adventure Playground was completed during the summer holidays. It is a really exciting trim trail for all ages and Key Stage 1 have been enjoying it this week. PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS PLAY AREA OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS. School cannot be held responsible for children in this area apart from during school hours. A big thank you to the PTA from last year who raised £9,000 towards this Adventure Playground. Altogether it cost £17,000.

Aldi's Get Set to Eat Fresh Campaign

Aldi supermarket are offering Team GB athlete stickers when you spend £30 in store. We are collecting these so please encourage friends and family to collect them and send them into school. We will add them to a big poster and if we collect all 300 we can be entered into a prize draw to win £20,000. If we send the poster in with 300 stickers on we will receive an exclusive sports kit. Please start collecting and send stickers into school from Monday 9th September.

Medical Reminders - including epipens and inhalers

If your child has any medical condition including Asthma, please check that we have all the medication in school to keep your child safe and that it is in date. We try our best to pass inhalers etc up in July but medication does go out of date. You should have also filled in an Asthma Care Plan for your child. If you have not done this please pop into the office and complete the paperwork.

Forthcoming news ...

Swimming lessons

Year 3 children will be swimming on a Friday morning for 12 weeks. We have decided to give Year 3 more swimming sessions so that we capture more children and help them to learn to swim earlier. You should have received a letter with dates and costs on. This will start from next Friday 13th September.

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PTA news and AGM

On Tuesday 24th September the PTA AGM will take place in the school hall at 7.30 pm. We do hope you will be able to attend. The present PTA have worked tirelessly to raise money and organise some fun events for children and families. Some of the committee will be standing again but some positions will be available for new personnel. It is a really good way to get involved in the life of school.

Single Use Plastic

I have been most impressed by the children's lunch boxes which are not only full of healthy food but also contain very few single use plastic items. There are a few yoghurt cartons but not much else that has to be thrown away after one use. There are lots of creative ideas for wrapping food. The children are very proud and this is a tribute to your families and your commitment to helping to Save the Planet and also to Global Club who raised the profile of this in February 2019.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 are going to see Peter Pan in January and this theatre production is going to have an environmental theme with sculptures made from plastic. We may be involved in a workshop with the Rep Theatre and need to start collecting plastic bottles. We would like to collect water, lemonade and plastic bottles of different shapes and sizes. WE DO NOT WANT MILK CARTONS as they can be smelly even when washed. Obviously, we do not want you to buy anything specially for this project, as that defeats the object of recycling. We would, however like to start collecting from Monday 16th September.

Reading Twilight Workshop Sessions for parents (letter to be sent home)

As part of our School Development Plan we are focusing on engaging children in reading. We are offering a workshop for parents in each phase of school. Please see the dates below:

Year groups	Date of reading workshop - all at 6.00 pm in the school hall
Nursery and Reception	Tuesday 1 st October
Year 1 and Year 2	Tuesday 8 th October
Year 3 and Year 4	Thursday 26 th September
Year 5 and Year 6	Thursday 3 rd October

Reading in School (letter to be sent home)

If you are still willing to be a reading helper please let the office know. Once we know how many existing helpers are available we will let you know whether we require more.

Ofsted Inspection

We are expecting an Ofsted Inspection this year. As you know Ofsted like to gather parents' views about schools. They have a web-based survey called Parentview. Can I please encourage you to go onto this survey and fill it in. The more parents that have told Ofsted their views - the better. Needless to say, if you have any negative thoughts or concerns, I would far prefer us to sort any issues out as a school. I am available at the beginning and end of most days for you to voice any concerns.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Rotary Steps Walk

On Sunday 13th October, Bridgnorth Rotary Club are once again organising the Bridgnorth Steps Walk at 2 pm from the Town Hall. Please see our website for details. Entry fee is £10 but any sponsorship raised can be kept for a charity of your choice. This is another local opportunity to keep fit. Children cannot do this walk unaccompanied but what a lovely opportunity to see parts of Bridgnorth that you don't normally see.

Passes for walking across the field from Oldbury Wells

Oldbury Gates are open from 8.00 am to 8.55 am and from 3.00 pm - 4.30 pm which are the times that pass holders have permission to cross the site via the pedestrian entrance. The stipulated route must be used - under the bridge, across the playground and up the designated path (not across the field). Children are not permitted to ride bikes/scooters or similar on the premises and dogs are not allowed. Without a pass, it is likely that you will not be allowed access.

If you currently hold a pass, please check that it is in date. If you require a pass, please contact the school office. This also includes any grandparents, childminders, carers etc that may bring/collect your child.

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Dates for the term:

KS2 Cross Country (letter to be sent home)	Tuesday 17 th September (Idsall) Tuesday 24 th September (Albrighton) Tuesday 1 st October (Alveley) Tuesday 8 th October (Oldbury Wells)
KS1 Cross Country (Letter to follow later this term)	Tuesday 15 th October (Oldbury Wells) Tuesday 22 nd October (Idsall)
Harvest Festival	Friday 4 th October KS1: 9.30 am KS2: 1.30 pm
Parents' Evenings	Tuesday 22 nd October and Thursday 24 th October
Half Term	Last day of term Thursday 24 th October Back to School on Monday 4 th November
PD Days	Friday 25 th October and Friday 20 th December
Year 5 Pioneer Centre	Wednesday 6 th November - Friday 8 th November
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 13 th December
Nursery Christmas Play	Thursday 12 th December am (time tba)
KS1 Christmas Play	Tuesday 10 th December pm (time tba) Wednesday 11 th December 9.30 am
KS2 Christmas Play	Tuesday 17 th December at 1.30 pm Wednesday 18 th December at 6.00 pm

Music Lessons and Clubs will start from Monday 9th September. *Please check with the office for availability*

Activity	Day	Time/Coach	Pupils
StageWorkz	Mon	3.15 pm - 4.30 pm Gemma Dempsey - 0783 020 3814	Years 2 - 6
Multi Sports (based on upcoming events)	Mon	12.30 pm - 1.00 pm Mr Pay	Years 3 and 4
Edge Gymnastics	Tues	After School Kelly Woodcock - 0792 988 9375	KS1 / KS2
Multi Sports (based on upcoming events)	Wed	3.15 pm - 4.15 pm Mr Pay	Years 4, 5 and 6
Global Club	TBA	TBA Mrs Black	KS2
Edge Gymnastics	Thurs	After School Kelly Woodcock - 0792 988 9375	KS1 / KS2
Multi Sports (based on upcoming events)	Fri	12.30 pm - 1.00 pm Mr Pay	Years 5 and 6
Running Club	Fri	3.15 pm - 4.00 pm Mr Drinkwater Mr Pay	KS2
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Shropshire Council Guitar Lessons	Tues	During school time Cost tba Andy Jones	KS2
Brass Instrumental Lessons	Tues	3.15 pm onwards Group £5.00 Individual £10.00 Mrs Stella Disney	KS2

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Menu Change - Wednesday 11th September

Next Wednesday's roast will be turkey not gammon as advertised.

Please read the update about Bridgnorth Area Schools' Trust:

We are very pleased to inform you that the South Shropshire Academy Trust and Bridgnorth Area Schools' Trust successfully merged over the summer. As from the 1st of September will be a family of four primary schools and two secondary schools. For the time being we are called the Bridgnorth Area Schools' Trust, although we are in the process of changing the Trust name to reflect our new group more accurately. Our Trust office is based at Oldbury Wells School and the leadership and organisation of our Trust and our schools remains the same. Our Trust schools are now:

Primary:

- Alveley Primary School
- Castlefields Primary School
- St Leonards CE Primary School
- Stokesay Primary School

Secondary:

- Church Stretton secondary School
- Oldbury Wells School

Yours sincerely



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