



**WELCOME BACK!!**

...and welcome to all those of you who are new to the school.

I hope you have all had a great summer and have been able to enjoy the sunshine with your children.

- ~ We would like to wish Mrs Boden the best of luck as she starts her maternity leave and the same to Mrs Wall who leaves at the end of the month.
- ~ A big congratulations to Miss Bull who got married during the summer and is now Mrs Chivers.
- ~ Mrs Spriggs has reduced her working week to 4 days. On Fridays, 5S's class teacher will be Mrs Wiltshire.

**Solihull Approach Parenting Course**

A great opportunity has arisen for parents wanting to learn more about their children's behaviour if they have any concerns. The course allows parents to discuss and learn about the reasons behind certain behaviours and look at strategies to overcome them.

It starts **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** and will run **1:15-3:15 here in school.**  
For any further details please see Mrs Paddock.

**KS2 SAT's Results**

Last year's Year 6 pupils blew us away with their hard work and dedication to achieving the best they could, and my word did they show us! Our results were fantastic and compared measurably to national standards. I would like to thank all Year 6 staff for their efforts throughout the year along with the determination of parents and children alike to achieve such results.

Thank You!

KS2 Read, Write, Math Combined %				
		2016	2017	2018
% attaining expected standard (or better) in all subjects	Hall Green Primary School	36	63	69
	Sandwell	51	58	60
	National	54	61	64
% attaining above expected standard in all subjects	Hall Green Primary School	16	8	9
	Sandwell	4	7	8
	National	5	9	10

As you can see last year's children achieved better than previous years in Reading, Writing and Maths and better than national standards at the expected standard.

We will be uploading EYFS, KS1 and Y1 data to our website very soon. Please have a look – we are **so** pleased with how well **all** of our children have done.

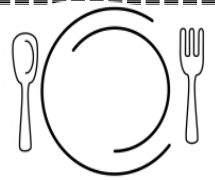


## **Bins / Litter**

Although we know six weeks can be a very long time and we tend to forget things as we start back to school, please remember there are bins dotted around our school site for you to use to get rid of your litter. We want to keep our school grounds as clean and as tidy as possible for your children and you as parents, but we do need your help in doing so!

## **SCHOOL DINNERS**

School dinners are **£11.50** each week (£2.30 per meal). Dinners must be paid for at the beginning of the week for the whole week. Children cannot swap between dinners and sandwiches during the week, they can only change at the start of a new week.



**Remember Free School meals for ALL children in Reception and KS1 classes.** If you aren't taking up this entitlement because you aren't sure about what meals may be provided, why not ask at the office for a menu?

If your child is in KS2 (Y3 – Y6) and you are entitled to free meals and don't take advantage of them, please ask for a form at the office. Just think of how much money you could save if you pay for dinners now but could claim - Over the year you would save **£437** for one child and **£874** for two. Now that really is food for thought!



## **Outdoor Developments**

The 6 weeks holidays have seen a fair bit of change at Hall Green. Mr Jevons, our site manager, and other members of staff have been hard at work beginning developments to our school site. In the first week of the holidays, the sandpit was given a major renovation with many members of staff working to empty it, kill the weeds, lay a new membrane and refill it with clean sand.

Mr Jevons has also laid foundations for a new outdoor Science classroom which will hopefully be up and running after half term.

Behind the arena, staff have also been laying garden sleepers to build raised beds that will be used throughout the year as we launch our new outdoor learning projects, which children from all year groups will be experiencing. Tools and outdoor clothing will be delivered this term which will allow children to learn new skills, grow fruit and vegetables, and take learning outside of the classroom at times this year.

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Also attached is the school calendar for the year. We do our utmost not to change dates and will always give as much notice as possible if we have no choice.

We ask you to keep this is a safe place, but will send out reminders each half term.

