

Hill West Weekly Bulletin



Kindness, Compassion, and Connection at the heart of 'Our School'

Week commencing: Monday 10th June 2024



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

<p>Monday 10th June</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 phonics screening checks taking place this week • 7.30pm – 9.00pm PTFA meeting taking place in the KS1 Building. • 12.00pm – 4.00pm Year 6 attending The Arthur Terry School production of Grease at Arthur Terry School. 
<p>Wednesday 12th June</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming for Year 4, 5 and 6 non swimmers at Cardinal Wiseman. • 3.20pm – 4.20pm Work sharing all parents invited • 4.00pm Boys semi-final cup match against Four Oaks Primary school taking place at Hill West Primary • 4.00pm – 4.30pm Netball Match against New Oscott Primary School taking place at Four Oaks Primary School
<p>Thursday 13th June</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.00pm – 3.00pm Colour Run and Picnic event taking place at Aston Old Edwardian for selected children. • 4.00pm – 4.30pm Netball Match against Little Sutton Primary School taking place at Little Sutton Primary School
<p>Friday 14th June</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am – 3.20pm Year 6 visiting Dudley Canals and Caverns.
<p>Future Events - Friday 5th July</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATLP TRAINING DAY School closed to ALL CHILDREN

A HUGE THANK YOU

We would like to express our gratitude for your cooperation and understanding during the commencement of our new building project. Your patience and assistance at end of day collection each day amidst the construction activities have been immensely appreciated. Your willingness to adapt and support our efforts to ensure the safety and smooth transition has not gone unnoticed.



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READING

PHONICS SCREENING CHECK in YEAR ONE

The phonics screening check is used to help schools determine Year 1 pupils' phonics skills. Teachers administer the check one-on-one with each pupil and record whether their response to each of the 40 words is correct. Each pupil is awarded a mark between 0 and 40 and these are reported to parents in the end of year reports issued in July. If a pupil does not meet the expected standard at the end of Year 1, a programme of support will be put in place and their teacher will administer a re-take in Year 2.



SAFEGUARDING

Children and young people use many different social media apps and sites. The most popular are Facebook and Instagram, with many others such as Snapchat, TikTok and Twitter. There are lots of benefits to social networking. Children can stay connected to friends and family. They can also learn many different things, from make-up or gaming tutorials to making slime, or how to create their own videos. Like most things, there can be negatives too. For children and young people there are risks that you should be aware of, to help keep your child safe on social media. Each app your child may use will have an age rating and it's useful to know what these are. Many have a minimum age of 13 years, but you should check the age rating of individual apps to make sure.



- **WhatsApp; Tik Tok, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, YouTube; 13 years old**

TWEET OF THE WEEK

A fantastic afternoon in Otters 🐾 learning about longitude and latitude, along with History; key changes in Britain after 1948. Beautiful presentation and key information presented in their books



ATTENDANCE

Pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind.

Did you Know – A two-week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance they can achieve is **94.7%** meaning your child has lost **50** lessons at school.



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WROXETER ROMAN CITY

As part of the Year 4 curriculum, we are studying the Romans and their empire.

- **Moles** will visit Wroxeter Roman City on **Tuesday 18th June**
- **Squirrels** will visit Wroxeter Roman City on **Wednesday 19th June**.



All children will require a disposable packed lunch, preferably in a small rucksack, no sweets or chocolates and drinks are to be in plastic containers or cartons. An additional snack & drink can also be taken. Regular **school uniform** is to be worn.

BIG BANG SCIENCE FAIR

Year 5 will be visiting the Big Bang Science Fair on Thursday 20th June 2024. The children will depart school at 8.00am. Please ensure your child is at school no later than **7.45am** as the coach will leave promptly at 8.00am



This year children will enjoy space exploration, virtual reality, explosive chemistry, robots, computer coding, microscopic bugs, giant trucks and much more. All children will require a disposable packed lunch, preferably in a small rucksack, no sweets or chocolates and drinks are to be in plastic containers or cartons. Regular **school uniform** is to be worn.

CASHLESS SCHOOL

As we are sure many of you are aware that we are a Cashless school and have been since joining The Arthur Terry learning Partnership. This decision was made with the Trust after careful consideration and consultation, with the aim of improving efficiency, security, and convenience for our school community. Below are the key reasons for this transition:

- **Enhanced Security:**

A cashless system reduces the risk of theft and loss of cash on school premises. It minimizes the need for students to carry cash, enhancing their personal safety.

- **Improved Efficiency:**

Cashless transactions streamline administrative processes, saving time for both staff and parents. It allows for quicker and more accurate record-keeping and financial management.

- **Convenience for Parents and Guardians:**

Payments can be made online at any time, from the comfort of your home or on the go. Automated payment reminders and receipts ensure you have a clear record of all transactions.

- **Environmental Benefits:**

Reducing cash transactions decreases the need for paper receipts and reduces our environmental footprint. Promotes a more sustainable school environment.



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