

#### A message from Mrs Naffati

Congratulations to all Year 2 children for completing their end of Key Stage 1 Assessments - you were all our quiz champions and I hope you enjoyed your visit from the ice-cream van on the last day to celebrate your achievements. I am extremely proud of you all. May I take this opportunity to thank all the children, parents and families of the children in Year 2 as we approach our final half term together. I am extremely grateful that our children, families and staff work together and support one another as they do and wish you all incredible success, good health and happiness for the future. Remember once a part of the New Invention family always a part of the New Invention family - so don't be a stranger!

#### Attendance and Punctuality

Over the last term we have been tracking the reasons behind non-attendance and lateness in our school. Pupils have had a shocking 1456 days off in that time equating to 7280 teaching hours lost. We all want this school and it's pupils to be the very best, but this is only possible when pupils are in school being taught!

To tackle this problem we are currently working with the Local Authority and our Designated Officer Lisa Spooner to re-write our Attendance Policy, which will make rules clearer, but will also be tougher. Our school and Governing Body have never wanted to enforce fines for holidays; however this will be discussed with Governors this term as 243.5 holiday days have been taken since Christmas and this cannot continue if we are to provide the best education possible.

Our new Attendance and Punctuality policy will be available on our website in the next few weeks when all meetings have taken place - but it will include stricter rules about lateness and holidays which **will** be implemented from September 2018. We have to put the education of our children first, individual circumstances will always be taken into consideration and listened to by Mrs Naffati but things need to change to get the best possible outcomes. In the interim period Mrs Mills in the school office will contact anyone who does not follow our procedure to call school to explain their child's absence. As part of our duty of care we need to ensure all children are accounted for in school hours to keep each and every child safe.

#### Safeguarding

We take our role to safeguard and look after every child in our care extremely seriously - as every school should. However we need your help to ensure children remain safe before and after school hours in our building. We display signs around the school building which ask for us to be a 'No phone zone'. This is to protect both children and adults alike. Staff are not allowed mobiles in classrooms, corridors or places where children are and we ask for your support to do this too.

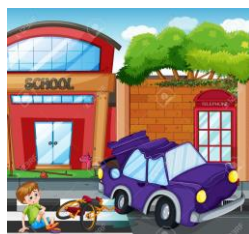
We also have to abide by very strict guidelines regarding toileting. It is understandable that if your child needs to use the toilets at the end of the school day - that is fine - however no adult should enter the toilet with them - for the safety and protection of the other children in there. If you ever need to accompany your child (in the case of a toilet accident etc.) before or after school hours you will need to use the staff facilities located by the staffroom and Jellyfish classroom.

Mrs Spencer continues to work tirelessly as the Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSL) for our school and is always willing to listen to any concerns, worries or suggestions from parents. If Mrs Spencer is busy Mrs Naffati, Mrs Westbury or Mr Craig will be happy to help.

















We have received a message from Walsall Safeguarding Board about a children's animated film which is due for release called 'Show Dogs'. Walsall have issued advice related to some of the content of this film and advise parents to view the content before sharing it with young children.






#### Car Park Safety

We are having great problems throughout the day with families parking and turning around on our school car park which is barely big enough for staff who need access to the building and it is getting extremely dangerous. In order to keep everyone safe from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June the main yellow gate onto the school car park will be closed at 8.45am and again at 3.00pm to prevent an inevitable accident. Therefore no-one will be able to park on our car park from Monday unless where permission has been sought personally by appointment with Mrs Naffati. This includes Breakfast Club **AND** After School Club and all families who bring their children to school late to the office. We realise this will be extremely inconvenient but we have to put safety first.



## Diary Dates

Nursery	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Today Nursery will welcome a visit from the Firefighters during their usual session! Call-out permitting children will meet the firefighters, explore the appliance and try on some protective clothing.
New Nursery 2018	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	New Nursery 2018 Induction evening 6-7pm. 
Whole School	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Healthy Week kicks off with an assembly by Miss Wallace followed by a class challenge Scootathon. All classes in school will have a session outside to 'scoot' around a marked track in the fastest time possible! Children can wear sporty clothing to school on this day. 
Gym team	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Our highest placed Gymnastics team will take part in the regional competition today. All team members will be informed of the details by Miss Wallace. 
Football team	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Our school have been invited to take part in the first Infant only football tournament. Miss Wallace will be taking a team of ten to this event. More information will be given to individuals shortly. 
Whole School	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	To celebrate Eid all children will have a class party during today. Any child who would like to dress in traditional clothing on this day can. 
Choir	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Some children from the school choir will be singing at Holy Trinity Church Summer Fete around 12.00 and will hand over a cheque from us to the restoration project. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend. 
New Reception 2018	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception 2018 Induction Evening 6-7pm (Children who were Nursery AM or new)
	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception 2018 Induction Evening 6-7pm (Children who were Nursery PM or new) 
Reception	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Lions, Tigers and Panthers Trip to Broomey Croft Farm. See letter for details of clothing and lunch arrangements. 
Year 2	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	All Year 2 children who are attending New Invention Junior School will visit today - with an assembly by Mr Pearson and have a tour of the school. (Any children not attending our juniors will still be required to attend school today)
Whole School	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July & Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Children will be given a slot for completing their Baseline Measurement Fitness assessment for the year. All classes will be given a day nearer the time and can wear sporty clothes for that day.
Whole School	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July & Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	All children from Nursery to Year 6 in the Juniors will be meeting their new teachers for our 'Move Thru' sessions. (Any children not attending our juniors will still be required to attend school today) 
Year 1	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Stingrays, Jellyfish and Seahorses trip to Conkers. See letter for details of clothing and lunch arrangements. 
Year 2	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Dolphins, Monkeys and Bears will all take part in a special project day with the Juniors today. 
Nursery and Reception 	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Physical Phun day - Please send your child to school wearing sporty clothing e.g. tracksuit bottoms, trainers, pumps, shorts, tee-shirts or feel free to use your imagination. Should the weather be very hot, please ensure that your child has a suitable hat to wear and that you have applied sun cream with an appropriate factor. Nursery parents attend at the same session times as their children: 9:15 - 10:45 for AM pupils and 1:20 - 2:50pm for PM pupils Reception parents will be invited as follows: Panther 9:15 - 10:45, Tiger 9:15 - 10:45, Lion 1:20 - 2:50
Year 1	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Come and 'Rock-it with us!' Year 1 children have been learning to play ukuleles and steel pans since February. Any family member can come along and join in and maybe even pick up a new skill yourselves?! Jellyfish class 1.20 - 2.00pm Stingray class 2.00-2.40pm Seahorse class 2.40-3.20pm in the classrooms.
Year 1 and 2 	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Physical Phun Day - Please send your child to school wearing sporty clothing e.g. tracksuit bottoms, trainers, pumps, shorts, tee-shirts or feel free to use your imagination. Should the weather be very hot, please ensure that your child has a suitable hat to wear and that you have applied sun cream with an appropriate factor. Parents of pupils in Years One and Two are welcome to join us as we take part in a variety of fun team games on the junior field from 9.15. We expect to finish shortly before 11.00 o'clock.
Whole School	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Join us for an afternoon of dancing out on the playground for our Summer Shake - hope for good weather! Children from Reception to Year 2 will perform a range of dances and routines. All family members welcome. 
Whole School	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports will be given to parents today. 
Reception	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	All of Reception children and families are welcome to join our staff at Essington Fruit Farm for our annual strawberry picking. Meet us there at 3.45pm and we aim to be all picked out by 4.30pm. 

Year 2	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> + Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	All Year 2 parents are invited to our goodbye show at 9.15am. Bring tissues as we watch, reminisce and wish the best of luck to our oldest pupils. Choose a date and sign up outside classrooms nearer the date.	
Reception	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception parents are invited to a Farm Film show made by the children, followed by a Strawberry Fayre. Families will be able to buy a selection of delicious treats and desserts made by our own children from strawberries they collected the evening before! Bring along a hearty appetite!	
Whole School	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Drop-in Parent's Evening - sign up within a block of time 4-5pm, 5-6pm or 6-7pm. Our staff will be on hand to answer and questions about your child's report or their attainment this year.	
Year 2	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Performance - see above	
Nursery	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery parents and families are invited to a Garden Party during their usual session (AM or PM). There will be fun and games for the children and snacks for everyone. Come along for an outdoor picnic to celebrate your child's first year at our school!	
Year 2	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Dinosaur Day - as a celebration and a fun-packed end to our oldest children's time here at New Invention Infants Monkeys, Bears and Dolphins will be treated to a special day to end their time with us in style!	
Whole School	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Non-uniform for all children. School finishes today at normal time for all children. We wish you all a fabulous summer - and hope the sun shines on us all.	

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September is a Teacher Training Day

Year 1 and 2 back to school Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Nursery and Reception start dates are given during Induction evenings

Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Please keep it somewhere safe and if other family members bring or collect your child, share it with them too!

