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Dear Parents,

It is incredible to think that we are in July already. I have mentioned before about how quickly the time has passed this year but, with only three weeks of school left for this academic year, I feel that passage of time more keenly than ever. That is not to say that we are winding down – nothing of the sort! Madam Baille, an extraordinary artist that the school has engaged the services of, is busy working with our Year Five and Four children today on our new mosaic, building on the success of Reception's artwork last week. Madam Grange is practising with the choir and keyboard players for the concert on Bastille Day (and an appearance at our school summer fete for the choir). Year Six have started their Leavers' assembly too.

Plans for next year are afoot: we will inform parents of any upcoming dates early in September; we are likely to have an EYFS meeting, a Phonics workshop, a Paris meeting (a trip which is getting ever closer so please continue making payments) and I would like to reintroduce INSPIRE workshops when parents are welcomed into school and can share in their child's learning.

Curriculum continues to be taught too. Reading remains our priority and the essential knowledge that we wish the children to know and remember is still being delivered and retained.

In RE, Year Five are looking at the lives of the Apostles after receiving the Holy Spirit,

and how they worked to spread the Good News. During one of these lessons, Annie Stephenson wrote the following touching prayer, which serves to demonstrate how faith has the power to change lives and be aware of the needs of others: something that we are all called to do.

Loving Apostles,

*As we come to the end of this school year,
Help us to become discerning disciples,
attentive to the needs of others.
Help us to become more like Saint
Stephen, a martyr.*

*Let us have the same courage and
devotion to Jesus that he did.
For the strength these gifts gave us, we
thank You.*

*While in ordinary time, we want to
remember You and Jesus,
We worship the Holy Eucharist and the
sacrifices Jesus made for us.
Thank you, Almighty Apostles, for
spreading the Word of God and loving
others.*

*We love you,
Amen*

Golden Book

Reception: Finley Dewell for completing all work this week with independence and an excellent attitude. He has produced fantastic work in his reading, in Maths and when writing! Finley always ensures that his classmates have someone to play with. When children in the class are sad, Finley always tries to cheer them up by playing with them. Reception are very lucky to have someone so kind and considerate in their class!

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we are all **learning to live, love and work together.**

Year One: James Smyth this week has shown a great interest in all of his topics, especially in his History lesson. James planned a fantastic package holiday for Hansel and Gretel; he was able to explain his reasoning behind the location chosen and the activities that were available for them. Keep up your good work, James!

Year Two: Henry Newton for being an incredible mathematician this week. Not only has he excelled in our topic of time, he has also used his knowledge to help others during Year Two's Maths lessons. Well done, Henry.

Year Three: Oliver Healy for his hard work and determination across all subjects. Oliver has demonstrated the values and virtues of attentive and eloquent when contributing his ideas to the class. Keep up the excellent work, Oliver!

Year Four: Mikey Timms for his fabulous progress this year with his reading! Mikey uses his phonics knowledge to decode words and is able to predict and make great inferences using what he has read in the text. Keep up the excellent work, Mikey!

Year Five: Maeve Cunningham has been working hard at producing lovely extended pieces of writing in Literacy. She always gives 100% to her work and supports her friends in and outside of class. She is always polite and thoughtful. She cares about her friends and the wider school community. Well done, Maeve!

Year Six: Keira Sweeney for being the most helpful and reliable Head Girl that any school could hope for! Keira consistently goes out of her way to help others and always does so with a smile on her face. She is kind to the younger children and courteous to staff, making her an excellent role model. Thank you, Keira!

Caught Being KiVa



During swimming, Cody and Erin showed the qualities we want children at St Ambrose Barlow to be like. Their friend was worried about a new challenge and they encouraged, supported and praised them. I am so proud of them all!

Year Six Leavers' assembly

This Wednesday, some of Year Six will travel to their new secondary schools. Others in Year Six have already seen their new schools. We wish them well on the next stage of their journey. In order to say goodbye to them properly, parents of Year Six children are invited into school on Wednesday 20th July for a special assembly at 9am. The children will have a small party afterwards, in the playground with music and dancing. Parents are again welcome to come in at 3pm to take photos and make plans for the summer.

Transition Day and staffing for next year

The children who are remaining with us next year will also meet their new teachers, including the new Reception children.

We will start the day with an assembly and then the children will depart to their new classroom with their new teacher and spend the day preparing for next year. See the table below for details.

Mrs Bresnen will be based out of class to facilitate whole school improvement. Miss Harkin will work with KS1, supporting teachers and children. Miss Traynor will remain our SENCO – she is wonderfully talented at support pupils' additional needs - and will also work with Year Three.

2022/23	Teachers	Teaching Assistants
Reception	Miss Hodgkins	Mrs Yusuf and Mrs Thompson
Year One	Mrs Hunt	Mrs Fayaz
Year Two	Miss Ball and Mr McAuliffe	Mrs O'Driscoll
Year Three	Miss Traynor	Mr Turner
Year Four	Miss Perkins (and Miss Reynolds upon her return)	
Year Five	Miss Atkins	Mrs Drewry
Year Six	Miss Newman	
Special Needs Provision	Miss Traynor	Mrs Haughton

School Uniform

Thank you for the positive response to last week's message. A huge improvement all round and I am proud of the children's attitude and the pride they take in their appearance.

Sports Day

This will take place on Monday 11th July at Moseley Rugby Club, Billesley Common, Yardley Wood Rd, Birmingham B13 OPT and parents are invited. It will take place

from 10am until around 2pm and children are to be transported by coach. All children will require a packed lunch: KS1 children will be provided one from school.

Friends of St Ambrose Barlow School (FOSABS) Summer Fete arrangements



This takes place next Saturday. Come down and splash your favourite Headteacher; join us at the bar for a drink; dine at our BBQ; bounce on the inflatables; win a prize of two on traditional fete games... whatever you choose to do, come and have fun whilst supporting the school. There is a meeting on Monday at 3:40 to finalise our plans and all are welcome to attend.

Academic Dates for 2022-2023

Wed 7th September - Fri 16th December
 Wed 4th January - Thurs 6th April
 Tues 24th April - Tues 25th July

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Mon 5th Sept: School closed to pupils
Tues 6th Sept: School closed to pupils
Fri 21st Oct: School closed to pupils
Tues 3rd Jan: School closed to pupils
Mon 24th Apr: School closed to pupils

Housekeeping messages from the School Office

Please ensure all dinner money is paid for via School Money before the end of next week.

Please ensure that any outside School fund donations have been made, again via School Money.

Please also ensure that school has at least TWO contact numbers and your correct address. Thank you.

Birthdays this week...

A very happy birthday to both Niamh in Year Three who was eight on Monday, and Freya in Year Four who was nine. On Wednesday, Erin in Reception was five and on Sunday, we wish Amara from Year Five a very happy birthday also as she turns ten.

July dates for your diary

Mon 4th July: Year Two and Year Four @ Thinktank

Wed 6th July: Transition Day

Thurs 7th July: Rearranged Year Five Hall Green Library visit

Fri 8th July: Children to wear own clothes for a donation of cakes

Fri 8th July: Year Six Hall Green Library visit 2pm

Sat 9th July: Summer Fete 12pm -3pm

Mon 11th July: Sports Day 10am – 2pm

Thurs 14th July: Keyboard and Choir 'Bastille Day' concert

Friday 15th July: Reports given out

Wed 20th July: Year Six Leavers' Assembly in School Hall 9am

Thurs 21st July: Leavers' Mass 9:30am at St Ambrose Barlow Church

Thurs 21st July: Break up for Summer at 2pm

I wish you all a happy and blessed weekend. See you on Monday morning.



Mr Clinton