

Aqueduct Primary School May 2018



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Summer term developments - Responding to pupil voice

This term is always a busy one. I have tried to include as many dates in this newsletter so that people can be aware of things happening in school in advance. It is also the term when we work with the pupils to review the year, what they have enjoyed and what they would like to develop. Over the past few weeks we have been responding to the pupils questionnaires and reviewing our behaviour policy.

Today the pupils had an assembly to discuss how we have responded to their comments and proposals. The pupils would like to reinstate white forms instead of detentions. They recognise that within each class when the class jar of marbles is full, they get a class treat. They would like something more whole school. So for the rest of this term we will be issuing white forms for behaviour which would have previously resulted in a detention. At the end of each half term we will hold a treat afternoon for all pupils in school. However, pupils who have received a white form will not be fully involved in this privilege. (See below)



Treat afternoon

- 1 white form = half of the treat on offer.
- 2 white forms = limited access to the treat.
- 3 white forms = no treat.

At the end of the summer term we will review this new format with the pupils. They have responded positively to the steps of consequence visual charts in each class, where their pegs are moved one step at a time to encourage pupils to make good choices, so this will remain in place. Pupils feel that these simple step warnings and reminders are enough for them to remember what is expected of them and why. We will let you know the pupils response at the end of the term and welcome your responses to this also.

After school clubs

The response to the after school clubs this year has been extremely positive, from pupils and parents. Last week each class discussed what possible after school clubs they would like to see next year. We are now in the process of sourcing adults to deliver these next year. If we have and beauticians or yoga instructors who would like to volunteer an hour a week to deliver an after school club we would like to hear from you. My next job is to test which member of staff might be funny enough to lead the possible 'comedy club'!



Message from the Governors

Governors have been impressed, when walking around the school this term, to see children working with such enthusiasm with their writing. They take a pride in their work and their books show that they have made real progress. We know that some children are preparing to take their SAT tests in the next few weeks and we wish them well.

Summer Fair

Our Fair this year is being held on Friday 29th June. As usual all help would be greatly appreciated either by planning, setting up, running a stall or just contributing. If you run a business or know anyone who does who would like to contribute something to the raffle prizes, this would be wonderful. Please contact Clare Ware or the friends through the facebook page or contact the school office. Pupils will be asked to bring an item for the tombola in return for the mufti day, but more information will be sent to you about this as this year the mufti theme will be linked to Telford 50 week.



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Telford 50 week



As a school we will be celebrating Telford turning 50 in the week beginning Monday 25th June. Throughout this week the pupils will be learning about Telford, its developments and history. At the beginning of the week we would like all pupils to contribute 50p each. This will be donated to the Ironbridge Heritage towards their current project of renovating our most famous icon The Ironbridge. We will be taking a selected group of pupils to hand over our contributions to the trust within that week. We would also like each pupil to bring something to represent them, their family and the part they play in the local community to place in a time capsule which we will bury in our Millenium Garden with a plaque. The pupils will be discussing with their teachers over the coming weeks what this could be and its size. So you could start talking to your children about what this could be. As Telford was 'born' in 1968, for the mufti day on Friday 29th June, we would like pupils to dress in 60's clothes. The pupils will learn about the music and events happening in 1968 throughout the week so should have a good idea of what they would like to wear. However, you have plenty of time between now and then to dig out your old clothes, raid grandparents wardrobes or scour the gems found in charity shops. We are looking forward to seeing all of the wonderful outfits. If you know of anyone who played an active role in the development of Telford becoming an official town or was part of the Industrial heritage and would like to come and take part in the celebrations or visit school to work with the pupils then please let us know.

NSPCC warning

I'm sure you are aware of the popular game 'Fortnite' appearing in the news headlines. Whilst this game is the current subject of discussion at the moment there are sure to be more games out there which pose the same threat. It is important for parents to be vigilant and to monitor the games their children play.

NSPCC have released the following advice for parents

- let children know they could talk to you if upset or worried by anything they had seen online
- familiarise yourselves with what your children did online and understand why they liked particular apps or games
- agree family rules on how to use apps, sites and games
- use privacy settings and parental controls to keep children safe

Dates for your diary

Friday 25th May - Last day of half term.
 Monday 4th June - Staff Professional Development Day.
 Tuesday 5th June - Pupils back in school.
 Monday 23rd July - Last day of summer term.

Date & time	Year Group	Event
Wednesday 9th May	Cross country pupils	Chetwynd Park Cross Country event.
Friday 11th May	Reception & Y6	Photographs
Monday 14th - Thursday 17th May	Y6	Y6 SATs week
Monday 14th May 2:30pm	Class 8 (Y5)	Miss Larlham's class assembly
Monday 21st - Friday 25th May	Y2	Y2 SATs week
Friday 25th May	All	Grandparents afternoon
Tuesday 5th June	All	Class photos
Monday 11th - Friday 15th June	Y1	Phonics Screening
Monday 11th June 2:30pm	Class 5 - (Yr 3/4)	Miss Cadwallader's class assembly
Monday 18th June 2:30pm	Class 4 - (Yr 2)	Miss Griffith's class assembly
Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd June	Y2	Ironbridge Residential
Monday 25th - Friday 29th June	All	Telford 50 week
Friday 29th June 3:30 - 5pm	All	Summer Fair
Thursday 5th July	All	Sports Day
Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th July	All	Secondary Transition Days & new class visits
Wednesday 18th July 5 - 7pm	Yr 6	Leavers Prom
Thursday 19th July	All	End of term Disco

If you haven't already, remember to sign up to a twitter account and keep up to date with any developments and messages. Follow us at [@AqueductPrimary](https://twitter.com/AqueductPrimary)

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