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PARENT BULLETIN

This bulletin will allow us to give updates for parents all in one place. The links will take you to relevant updates/letters for your child's year group or to websites to locate information which you might find useful.

School Photographer

Please be advised that the last day for ordering your school photographs for free delivery back to school is Tuesday 5th October. You may still order after this date but will incur a delivery fee.

Pupil Premium Funding - *Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium funding?*

Introduced in 2011, the pupil premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children.

This is based on research showing that children from low income families perform less well at school than their peers.

The pupil premium is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible, helping to narrow the gap between them and their classmates.

Your child will be eligible for Pupil Premium funding if they are:

- In Reception to Year 6 and are **currently entitled to free school meals** based on their family income.
- In Reception to Year 6 and were **previously entitled to benefits-based free school meals, even if they're no longer eligible**
- If they are a child under the care of the Local Authority
- A child who was previously in care who has been adopted, or who has a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order
- A child recorded as being from service / armed forces families

All children who currently qualify for free school meals based on their family circumstances are entitled to pupil premium.

This applies if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

Children who are or have been in care, and children who have a parent who is or was in the armed forces, are also entitled to pupil premium.

In addition, pupils who have qualified for free school meals on the above grounds in the past, but are no longer eligible, continue to receive pupil premium for the next six years.

If your child qualifies for free school meals or has at any point in the past six years, it's important that you tell us – even if they're in Reception or KS1 and receive universal school meals for infant pupils, or are in KS2 and take a packed lunch – as this enables us to claim pupil premium.

Parents who want to register their children for free school meals/pupil premium should apply through their local authority.

It's Good to Grow Scheme

It's Good to Grow is a token collection scheme that allows schools to collect for free gardening equipment to get children outdoors and growing.

Between 6th September and 24th October 2021 for every £10 spent in store or online at Morrison's, customers will automatically receive one Grow Token to donate to their chosen school.

You'll need to be a MyMorrisons customer to take part so make sure you download the app and select our school to donate your Grow Tokens to.

You can get involved by downloading the Morrison's app [here](#) or for more information, please visit this [link](#).

Lost Property

A reminder that lost property will be put out on the playground this afternoon.

Wraparound Provision

May we remind you that all bookings for Breakfast/After School clubs need to be made one week in advance in order that we have sufficient staff to meet statutory adult:pupil ratios. All pupils using the services must be booked into a session via MCAS, or via the school office. A copy of the terms and conditions may be found [here](#).

With effect from Monday 4th October, any pupils who are not booked onto the service may find themselves refused entry and / or have a late booking fee applied to their account. Please be aware that the late collection of any child (after 6pm) may result in a late collection charge being imposed. This charge is to support the additional staff costs of out of hour's childcare, ensuring your child is looked after and safe until you arrive.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the office if you are having any issues with the booking system.

Autumn Newsletter

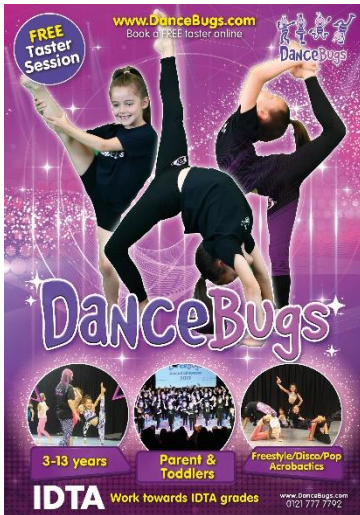
Please find the Solihull School Nursing Autumn Newsletter [here](#)

DanceBugs

DanceBugs are a Solihull based company offering Dance, Football, Acrobatics –

please contact 0121 777 7792

for further information.



Karate

A brand new kids karate course is starting in Solihull with an invite to a 2 week FREE trial at Strike Martial Arts. The programme is specifically designed to:

- Develop a positive attitude and strong mental health.
- Teach our children how to tackle bullying.
- Boost confidence.
- Show how to set and achieve their goals.
- Enhance self-discipline and improve behaviour both at home and in school.
- Have a great time!

Please contact Libby to reserve your spot or if you have any questions!

Text/Call: 07802270130

Email: lg.strikemartialarts@gmail.com

What's happening – October Diary Dates!

What....	Information.....	Date/Time....
EYFS Open evening	Nursery & Reception Admissions 2022	7 th October 6pm – 7.30pm <i>(see website for details)</i>
Church Coffee Morning	Church House, Shirley	9 th October 10.30am <i>(all welcome)</i>
Y6 Residential Visit	Plas Gwynant	11 th – 15 th October
Y5 Planetarium Visit	£4.25 payable via MCAS	13 th October
Parents' Evenings	Details to follow	19 th & 20 th October