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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.

### A message from the Governors' .....

Please click on the following link [here](#) to find a letter from the Chair of Governors for all our parents.

### 'Proud to Be'

'Proud to Be' is this year's theme for Black History Month (BHM), and throughout October, Solihull Council is encouraging people across the borough to share their stories and responses to the question 'who are you proud to be?' This is an opportunity to explore the rich and varied identities within Solihull and gain insight from the unique perspectives of the individuals that make up the borough.

To mark BHM at our school we are asking each class to produce something inspired by a key figure they have learnt about and children will share this with us during an assembly to mark the end of BHM. We look forward to being able to share images of the fabulous work that has been created via the website. In addition, we are talking about what respect and racism is and how we can be proactive in challenging it. Some of the older children have been watching a collection of short films for primary schools, exploring the experiences and contributions of people from communities across the UK, and celebrating the rich contribution of the black community to the culture, society and economy of the UK.

Why not extend the conversations at home - The Core Library has put together a list of recommended book titles for Black History Month. A range of fiction and non-fiction titles is available to browse in physical format, e-audio format and e-book format on the [library website](#) and [Waterstones has put together a list of children's book](#) too.

**We will also be taking part in 'Wear Red Day' on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October as part of the 'Show Racism the Red Card' campaign.** On this day, pupils will be able to wear something red to school for a small charitable donation. Look out for further details in the bulletin next week.

*Many thanks to one of our parent governors, Vanisha Budhia, for her support with this.*

## Reminder

We have recently had a few instances of nut butter sandwich packed lunches coming into school. Please be mindful that we are a nut-free school. We do have children with nut allergies, and so it is imperative that no products containing nuts are brought into school- this includes cereal bars containing nuts, and nut butters.

*Thank you for your support with this.*

## Harvest festival

Once again, this year we will be collecting donations towards the Harvest festival, which will be taken to the foodbank run by the Trussel Trust. We are acutely aware of those who are struggling to make ends meet and rely on the use of such foodbanks in order to assist them in difficult circumstances.



Unfortunately the food bank are unable to accept perishable items, however below is a list of items which we would warmly welcome:-

Cereal	Tinned meat
Soup	Tinned vegetables
Rice	Tea/Coffee
Pasta / Pasta Sauce	Sugar
Beans	Biscuits
Tinned fruit	UHT/powdered milk
Sponge pudding(tinned)	Jam
Snack bars	Instant mash potato

*As well as food, items such as toilet rolls, toothpaste and soap etc. are very much appreciated.*

We are asking that should you wish to donate, please choose one or more items from the list above which your child can bring into school.

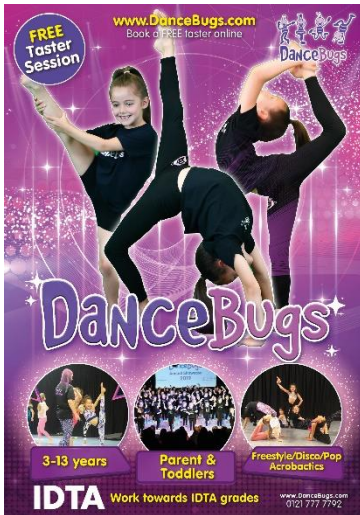
***Thank you for your support.***

## Parents' Evening

We would like to offer you the opportunity to discuss with your child's class teacher how well your child has settled into their new class and answer any questions you may have. Parents' Evenings this half term are Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October and you will have the choice of coming into school to meet with the class teacher or offer video/phone consultations on one of the two dates. Further details with booking information will be sent out early next week.

## 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](mailto:lg.strikemartialarts@gmail.com)

## What's happening – October Diary Dates!

What....	Information.....	Date/Time....
Church Coffee Morning	Church House, Shirley	9 <sup>th</sup> October 10.30am <i>(all welcome)</i>
Y6 Residential Visit	Plas Gwynant	11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> October
Y5 Planetarium Visit	£4.25 payable via MCAS	13 <sup>th</sup> October
Parents' Evenings	Details to follow	19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> October
End of term Worship for pupils	St James Church	22 <sup>nd</sup> October (pupils only)
	Half term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
Church Quiz evening	Church House, Shirley - details to follow	30 <sup>th</sup> October