

19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents,

### **Congratulations!**

I would like to start by sharing some good news. You may know that each year we offer all of our Year 1 children the chance to be part of the Royal Ballet dance track programme. The children took part in their workshop last week and we are delighted to say that we have 21 children who have been identified as having potential talent for ballet and have been invited to attend a second audition. If successful, they will have the opportunity to join the Royal Ballet Dance Track programme, participating in free lessons and having the opportunity to perform in theatres in front of huge audiences! Very well done to our talented Year 1 dancers Kaveesh, Maisie, Faye, Kayla-Mae, Anna, Sophie, Grayson, Finley, Blake, Anthony, Mohammed, Layton, Mae, Isaias, Kal, Olivia, Muirne, Imaani, Indi-Rose, Yakshithaa and Roman! We are very proud of you all.

We have many older children in school who have been through the Dance Track Programme and have used their resilience to keep going many years after their first audition in Year 1. Special congratulations to Myesha, in Year 3, who has now been successful in her recent audition and gained a place on the young dancer programme at Elmhurst Ballet School in Edgbaston.

A final congratulations to all of our Year 2 and Year 6 children who have been taking their SATs tests over the last 2 weeks. You may have read in the media about the level challenge posed by the Year 6 tests in particular this year. We are so proud of the resilience and independence that all of our children (and staff!) have shown during this time. Very well done all.

### **Summer Fayre**

Yes, it's that time of year again! Please read the attached leaflet about our Summer Fayre for all the information you will need. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### **Parents Survey**

Just a reminder that our School Improvement Parents Questionnaire is still open. Please take 5 minutes to give us your views using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/MeGXk66HGp>

### Gas Update

You will know that we are still awaiting the gas work needed in school to be started. Because we are a Birmingham City Council school and they are our landlord; they are responsible for this work and are bound by the procurement guidelines of the Council. We are awaiting the outcome of the tender for these works. I will update you of course, when I know more.

I would like to again add my thanks to our cooks who are doing an amazing job and managing to offer at least one hot food option every day for our children; including curry and pasta bolognese. My thanks to them for their creativity!

### Sports Days

Just a reminder that in a bid to beat either the weather in July, (either too hot like last year or too rainy like other years), we are holding our sports days earlier this year - next week! KS2 is on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Reception on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and KS1 is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. Please join us if you are able to.

### Chicken Pox

While I am pleased to tell you that there have been no further cases of scarlet fever in school, there are still cases of chicken pox. I have attached again the chicken pox letter, written by the Health Protection Team for your information.

### And finally...

We have a vacancy on our Governing Board for a parent Governor. I attach the information needed, and would encourage any parent who feels that they have something to offer in this role to complete the application. You absolutely do not have to be experienced in any particular field - training will be available. What is more important is that you would be committed and are willing to learn.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Ridley