



# NEWSLETTER

29TH APRIL 2022

## House Winners

Congratulations to the winning Houses from each year group who enjoyed a mug of hot chocolate and a sausage sandwich as well as 15 minutes extra break this morning. Well done to you all!

The winners were:- Reception-Ursa, Year One-Orion, Year Two-Ursa, Year Three-Ursa, Year Four-Ursa, Year Five-Pegasus and Year Six—Orion.



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## Year One and Two Laches Wood Visit

**O**n Tuesday next week our Year One and Two children are looking forward to their visit to Laches Wood for a day of outdoor education.

We are all really excited to take part in such an exciting visit. Laches Wood have specially tailored age-appropriate itineraries for all year groups, and we are sure that the children will enjoy the chance to try some brand new adventurous activities whilst developing key skills such as decision making, communication and teamwork.

As children will be outside for much of the day they will need to wear appropriate clothing and a waterproof coat. We would recommend a number of layers rather than one thick one so that the warmth can be regulated more easily. Jogger/tracksuit bottoms, warm trousers or leggings can be worn but not jeans. If your child has waterproof trousers they may wear them too if needed. They will also need to wear sturdy waterproof footwear such as walking boots or strong trainers. We recommend that every child takes a hat and that sun cream is applied (depending on the weather forecast).

As we will be out of school at lunchtime, everyone will require a packed lunch, some snacks and a drink. Could you please put these in a backpack so the children's hands can be kept free.

As we will be travelling by coach from school and leaving at 9:30am prompt could we please ask that children arrive at school promptly at the normal time. We will be departing from Laches Wood at 3.15pm, arriving at Oakridge at approximately 4.00pm—we will send out a text and let you know when they are on their way back.

## Miss Walker Charity Run

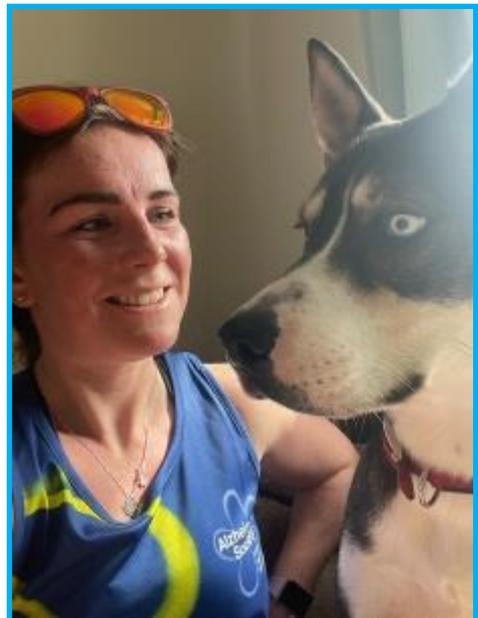
**M**iss Walker has a Charity place for Alzheimer's Society, running the Birmingham half marathon this Sunday.

It is charity close to her heart as well as many other people around the world.

If you would like to sponsor her, here is the Just Giving link to her sponsorship page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stephanie-walker25>

I'm sure you will all join us wishing her the best of luck—it is for an amazing cause.



## Year Four Times Tables Check

As you know, in June, all the children in Year 4 will take the Multiplication Times Tables Check. It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions and the children will have 6 seconds to answer each question. This means that as well as knowing their times tables, the children need to feel confident in recording them on an iPad in a timed situation.

The children are working really hard on their times tables and to support their learning even further they are practising every day with Miss Hughes in school.

To consolidate this learning, we also ask them to practise on maths frame every day at home, which will take less than five minutes. This will develop their confidence in answering in this format and enable them to become more comfortable with the timed situation. In addition to this, and to help you to support your child with their times tables, if there are some key facts which they appear 'stuck' with, we will be sending these home to help highlight the facts your child needs to practise.

It is a good idea that the children practise these facts before they complete the maths frame. Please find the link mathsframe link below. Thank you for your support in helping your child with this learning.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>



## Bikes and Scooters

Although distancing restrictions have been lifted, we are aware that some people and parents are still trying to remain distanced. With this in mind we would ask that, for now, children continue to come to school on foot and do not bring bikes and scooters down the school path.

We will keep the situation under review.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Music Lessons

If your child has a music lesson in school please note the final payment is now due. Payment can be made via your Parentpay account.

Thank you to those parents who have paid in full already.



**We will have a full list  
of dates for your diary  
in next week's  
Newsletter**

## After School Sporting Clubs

Please note that we will not be running any after-school sports clubs next week, due to the Year 1 and 2 Laches Wood visit on Tuesday, a football match taking place on Wednesday, and a Year 3 and 4 cross-country race on Thursday.

We are aware that there has been some disruption to after-school sports clubs recently, mainly due to sporting fixtures. It is fantastic to be able to take part in sports events again, but I understand that children may be disappointed when their after-school club is cancelled. As well as this, it is also a relatively short half-term, meaning that clubs will not run for as many weeks as they sometimes do. However, all clubs that have been disrupted this half-term, will continue after the next half-term break, so that children are not missing out.

Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

## Hats, Sun Cream & Water Bottles

Now that the warmer weather has almost arrived children need to bring a hat and a water bottle into school. We have the facility in school to re-fill the water bottles during the school day should they require it.

Please can we ask all parents to ensure that children have sunscreen on them before they come into school as it is school policy that no member of staff applies any sun cream to children. If children are bringing the sun cream into school to re-apply themselves please ensure the bottle is clearly labelled with their name.

The 'all-day' type is advisable, particularly for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children. Nursery and Reception children spend a lot of their learning time outdoors so your co-operation in ensuring protection from the sun's rays is much appreciated.

## Year Six Visit to Boreatton

On the way to their residential visit to Boreatton Park, our Year Six pupils will be stopping off for a game of Tenpin Bowling.

After bowling they will be having lunch at the bowling alley and we have sent out a ParentMail form so that you can let us know what your child would like to eat so that we can pre-order.

Could you please let us know what they would like to eat by Tuesday next week.

Thank you.

