

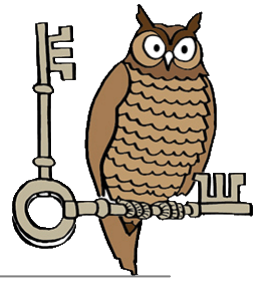


Short Heath Junior School

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Welcome back!

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope the children enjoyed the summer break and are ready for another busy and successful year. We would like to welcome new families who have joined Short Heath this September. The children have made a very positive start and we are sure they will settle into our school very quickly. The school has been a hive of activity over the summer break with re-painting in classrooms and corridors. We are sure that you will notice further improvements over time and we are pleased that we have a clean, bright and safe school in which our children can learn and grow. We would like to re-affirm that all staff at Short Heath are committed to providing the best education we can for your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher either in person or by telephone or email (details below). Miss. Harris, Head of School and Miss. Ashley, Assistant Headteacher, can also be contacted if you have any problems and we will ensure that your concerns are dealt with.

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With our strong, committed team, our delightful pupils and the support of parents and families, I am sure that Short Heath will continue to go from strength to strength.

Uniform As the new term begins the children look very smart in their uniforms, and from chatting with them, we know that many children have had new clothing, shoes, bags etc. We can imagine how frustrating it is when they come home without their jumper or cardigan, or as winter arrives, gloves and scarves. Can we please remind parents to name all of your child's clothing and belongings-it makes it much easier to re-unite mislaid items with their owner and reduces the amount of 'lost property' we have in school? We encourage children to be responsible for their belongings; we cannot be held responsible for missing items.

Drinking Water in School...Let's Stay Hydrated! Children are welcome to bring in a clearly named drinking bottle to have available in their class room so that they can access a drink of water during lessons. Only bottles with 'sports caps' are permissible as these reduce the likelihood of spillages on clothing and pupils' books. Children can then re-fill their bottles as necessary from the drinking water taps available in every classroom. Fruit juice and squash type drinks are not suitable to drink in lessons, but can be brought in to drink at play time and with packed lunches.

Break-time snacks If they wish to, pupils can buy milk (40p a carton), crumpets (25p) and toast (20p a slice) at morning break. (Please bring change, if possible, in a named purse.) *Please do not send in sweets or crisps as a snack*, these are not healthy. Please check out our website for healthy snack ideas.

Sunscreen In the event of some late summer sun (lol!!), we would advise parents to apply a thorough application of sunscreen, or sun block, before pupils come to school, and to provide a suitable sun hat, sunglasses, etc (all named please), for children to wear when they go outside. If you wish your child to apply further sunscreen during the day, then we recommend that you show your child how to do this as school staff are unable to apply sunscreen to pupils. It is important that pupils understand that they should not share sunscreen with other children. Please label sunscreen clearly with your child's name. Thank you for your assistance.

School Website Our school website (www.short-heath.walsall.sch.uk) is a great source of information, such as dates, school policies and latest news. Each year group has an information page. Follow the link from the Home Page ›Our Curriculum ›Year Groups and you will find information about what your children will be doing this half term: the topics, PE days, and other useful information. Please take a look and re-visit regularly to check for any updates. Our federation newsletter, published every week, is available on the Home Page too. You can also follow us on Twitter – Short_Heath_JS

Dates: In September, we have Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 22nd, Y3/4 Curriculum Evening on 26th September and Expansion Consultation Meetings on 27th September.

Sharing Assembly Every term, each class share their learning in a 'Sharing Assembly' on a Friday morning. Following the success of last year's cake and coffee events we are inviting parents/carers in to assembly and then in to the classroom to share a story with coffee, cake. All proceeds will go to MacMillan and School Fund. The first assembly will be for parents and carers of Maple Class (6A) on Friday 22nd September and Sycamore (5GE) on 29th September. Look out for more information soon.

School Photographer The photographer will be in school on Friday 10th November.

Year 6 SATs 2018 Next summer's SATs for our Year 6 pupils will take place between Monday 14th May and Thursday 17th May 2017. We do hope that parents can avoid taking pupils out of school during this period so that their child can sit the tests at the appropriate time.

Other dates for the term are available on the Home Page of the school website: Home Page ›Our School ›Information for Parents ›Diary Dates and also on the calendar page.

Contact If your address or phone number or your contact details change, please can you let the school office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

We have another exciting year ahead, and we look forward to continuing the partnership with children and their families to secure the best opportunities and outcomes for all.