

9th September 2022

Welcome back!

We would like to wish a big welcome back to school to all our pupils! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the time with your families. Please note the school timings for our KS1 and KS2 children. The first bell will ring at 8.35am; this is the time children should start to line up in their classes ready to come into school. Staff will bring the children into school at 8.40am. The school gates on Westminster Road will close at 8.50am and access will only be available via Stamford Road after this time. The school day will now finish at 3.30pm from Monday to Friday; we no longer have an early closure on Friday afternoons. Please ensure you arrive on time to collect your children; if you are running late then please telephone the school office to notify us of any delays.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome a new teacher to Westminster; Mr Barnes has joined us this academic year and is teaching in Year 3.



Dinner Money

If you pay for your child's dinners, please can you hand in the correct money in a sealed envelope with the name of your child and their class on the envelope. The total amount for 5 days is £12.50, £2.50 per day. This should be paid on a Monday morning.



Secondary School Applications

If your child is in Year 6, you will need to make sure you make an application for a secondary school place by 31st October 2022. You can do this by going online at:

<https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/>

If you would like any support in accessing and using the online application service, please come and see a member of the school office staff.

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Uniform

Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct uniform. For children in Years 1-6, the uniform consists of: Grey trousers / skirt, white shirt, school pullover, school tie and blazer. Children in Reception are not required to wear a blazer but are required to wear a school jumper along with grey trousers / skirt, a white shirt and a school tie.

Please note black shoes, not trainers should be worn with the school uniform. Trainers should only be worn for school sports and PE activities,

School pullovers, jumpers and ties are available to buy from Gogna Schoolwear, 67/69 Rookery Road, Birmingham, B21 9QU

We have a small number of second-hand, good quality used uniform items that are available to buy from the school office. Please see a member of the school office staff for further details.



P.E Kit

Last term we changed the PE kit to make it easier for parents to buy affordable kit. The new PE kit consists of black unbranded bottoms and a white polo shirt. If your child has the Westminster branded kit, they can still wear that. Trainers or black pumps are required for PE sessions.

Please see the table for your child's allocated P.E sessions.



Reception	Fri
Year 1	Tues, Thurs
Year 2	Mon, Wed
Year 3	Mon, Wed
Year 4	Mon Thurs
Year 5	Tues, Wed
Year 6	Fri

Coats

Please ensure you send your child in with a coat as the weather is changing. With the cooler days, children will need an extra layer when they go out to play at break and also at lunchtimes.

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Expectations Meetings

Parents in years 2 to year 6 will be receiving a letter soon inviting them to a short meeting with their child's class teacher regarding expectations. Information regarding your child's homework, PE lessons and attendance are a few of the topics that will be discussed.

Coffee Morning

Our School Parent Advisor, Mrs Khan, has organised a coffee morning for parents. This will take place at 9.00am on **Friday 16th September** in the community room. All are welcome to attend. We have secured a guest speaker from Rookery Children's Centre who will be coming in to talk about courses for parents.



Nursery Graduation

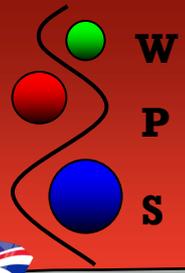
At the end of the summer term, the Nursery pupils had their end of year graduation to celebrate the completion of their Nursery schooling,

Parents were invited to celebrate all the milestones their children had achieved whilst in Nursery. It was a fantastic day and the children had a wonderful time. On behalf of Miss Aziz, Miss Nahid and Mrs Akhter, a big 'Well done to everyone!'



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Dates for your diary: 2022 –23

Fri 21st Oct:	Break up for Autumn Half term
Mon 24th Oct– Fri 28th Oct:	Autumn Half term holiday
Mon 31st Oct:	Return to school
Fri 16th Dec:	Break up for Christmas holidays
Mon 20th Dec—Mon 2nd Jan:	Christmas holidays
Tues 3rd Jan:	Start of Spring term

Lost Property

We have a number of lost property items that were handed into the school office last term. If your child has lost any item of uniform, PE kit or a school lunch bag, please come and see a member of the school office. A box has been placed in the main reception area and lost property items have been placed in there so please do check this box. Any unclaimed items will be disposed off by the end of next week.



Lunchtime supervisor vacancies

We currently have vacancies for lunchtime supervisors. If you are interested in applying, please email the school office for an application pack. The school email is enquiry@westmnst.bham.sch.uk or you can go to the school website and download a pack under the 'Vacancies' tab.

Closing date: Wednesday 21st September (midday)



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

You will most likely have already heard of the passing of Queen Elizabeth yesterday at the age of 96. She started her reign as Queen in 1952 when she was just 25 years old. She reigned for 70 years and was Britain's longest serving monarch. Our sympathies are extended to her immediate family whilst they navigate themselves through this difficult period. Currently, schools are expected to remain open to children unless advised otherwise.

