



7th October 2016

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by saying thank you to all the mums, dads, aunties, uncles and grandparents who help us at both schools. We have already held a 'Working Party' to tackle odd jobs and gardening at Foley and we have another 'Working Party' at Brindley on Sunday 9th October from 10am until 1pm. Thank you too to everyone who supported our 'Cash 4 Clothes' collections (over £275 was raised) and to those who helped and attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning. It is this fantastic community spirit that makes our schools so special. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our forthcoming parents' evenings and I thank you again for your loyal support, hard work and generosity.

Jason Willetts

Holidays During School Time

A number of parents have recently requested work for their children for when they take them on unauthorised holidays. This is very difficult, as teachers plan on a short term basis, so that the needs of the children can constantly be met. A selection of worksheets cannot replace the quality teaching which goes on each day in our schools. Therefore, unless it is a long term absence due to illness, we will not be issuing work for those children who are going on holiday. Reading books and spellings will however be sent home.

Harvest Time

You are invited to join us for our Harvest Assemblies on Tuesday 11th October.

Foley: 9.30am and 1.30pm

Brindley: 11am and 2.30pm

No tickets are required.

We are collecting donations of non-perishable food for the Black Country Food Bank and there will also be a retiring collection at the assemblies for the Georgina Unit at Russells Hall hospital which helps to provide cancer patients with as much care and comfort as possible.

Remember, Remember.....

Our annual bonfire and firework display will take place on the evening of Friday 4th November at Brindley.

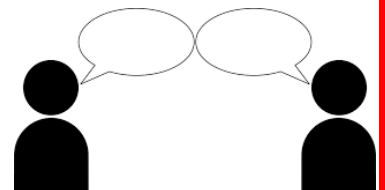
For those who haven't attended before, this is a great family friendly evening with a huge bonfire, refreshments, glow toys and a professional firework display organised by the PTA.

Tickets go on sale from Brindley shortly.



Come and Talk to Us

Parents Evenings are almost upon us. Foley evenings are Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th October and Brindley evenings are Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th October. If you haven't booked your appointment yet please do so asap with the school office.



Sheepwalks Shocker

It was great to see so many parents, carers, staff and children at the recent running event in Enville in aid of Action Heart and Kinver Fitness Collective.

Well done to Bethany Cooksey for designing the medal and parents Mrs Meyrick and Mrs Harris for their fantastic organisational and motivational skills.



Coffee Morning Success

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and attended our 'Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning' at Foley on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Care. We raised over £350! Thank you too to Mrs Jones at Foley for organising it and to everyone who made cakes and helped out on the day.



Attendance Update for September 2016

<u>Foley</u>		<u>Brindley</u>	
Willow	99%	3F	98%
Hazel	99%	3P	99%
Cedar	97%	4B	97%
Palm	96%	4J	96%
Maple	96%	5M	99%
Beech	96%	5E	99%
Total:	97%	6M	99%
		6H	97%
		Total:	98%

Congratulations to Willow, Hazel, 3P, 5M, 5E and 6M for being our September champions!

Celebrating Achievements

On Wednesdays at both schools we celebrate childrens' achievements in assembly. So, if your child has gained an award, trophy, certificate or other type of recognition outside school that they would like to share with their friends, please let us know and we will celebrate their success!



Christmas is Coming!
Only 11 weeks to go until the Man in Red pays us a visit. As always, we have our fantastic Santa Night for the whole federation taking place at Foley on Friday 2nd December, nativity plays for both schools and the Federation carol service at St Peter's Church. Lots more info in the next newsletter, but please see the attached diary dates to make sure you don't miss anything!

Leaflets and Advertising

Lots of parents have told us they don't like to receive advertising flyers in school bookbags. We have decided from now on we will send home only those leaflets which we think may benefit your children.



Over to you....

Each month our children are invited to write an article for the newsletter about an aspect of school they have particularly enjoyed. Here are some thoughts from our Foley pupils:

Fitness Stars

In Reception we went to Fitness Stars after school. I liked playing with the parachute.

By Darragh O'Neill

Year One

Kinetic Letters

We have been learning something new. It's called Kinetic Letters. We do poses like a penguin and like a stone lion. We have learnt about scared monkey and brave monkey. It is fun!

By Jess Gill and Tom Wright, Year 2

Kinver Primary Federation Dates for Your Diary

Sun 9th October	Brindley Working Party 10am to 1pm (all welcome)
Tues 11th October	Harvest Day (9.30am and 1.30pm Foley, 11am and 2.30pm Brindley) Brindley Film Night
Mon 17 th October	Foley Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
Tues 18 th October	Brindley Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
Weds 19 th October	Foley Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
Thurs 20 th October	Sports Themed Free Day in aid of MIND (£1 donation) Brindley Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
Fri 21 st October	Training Day – Schools closed
Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October	- Half Term Holiday
Mon 31st October	Hallowe'en Disco—Foley
Fri 4 th November	PTA Bonfire - Brindley
Tues 8 th November	Foley Open Morning 9.30am – 11.30am
Thurs 10 th November	Remembrance Service (St Peters) 1.45pm – 2.30pm (Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 only)
Tues 15 th November	Brindley Open Morning 9.30am – 11.30am
Thurs 17th November	Foley Connect (afternoon session for EYFS parents/carers only)
Tues 22nd November	Foley Film Night
Weds 30 th November	Foley Parents drop in 4pm – 6pm
Thurs 1 st December	Brindley Parents drop in 4pm – 6pm
Fri 2 nd December	PTA Christmas Fayre
Thurs 8 th December	Brindley discos
Tues 13 th December	Brindley Nativity 10am and 6.30pm Foley Nativity 2pm
Weds 14 th December	Foley Nativity 10am Federation Carol service 6.30pm – St Peters
Friday 16th December	Schools close for Christmas Holidays
Tues 3 rd January	Training Day – Schools closed
Wednesday 4th January	First day of 2017 Spring term
Weds 25 th – Fri 27 th January	Year 4 Residential
Tues 31 st January	Young Voices Concert at Birmingham Genting Arena
Mon 13 th February	Foley Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
Tues 14 th February	Brindley Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
Weds 15 th February	Foley Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
Thurs 16 th February	Brindley Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February	—Half Term Holiday

Weds 8 th March	Foley Connect (afternoon session for EYFS parents/carers only)
Mon 13 th March	Foley Parents Drop in 4pm – 6pm
Tues 14 th March	Brindley Parents Drop in 4pm – 6pm
Fri 24 th March	Mothers Day celebrations (am - Brindley Heath, pm – Foley)
W/c 27 th March	Y6 Mock SATS week
Thurs 30 th March	Brindley Discos
Fri 7 th April	9.30am Y5 Easter Play Last day of Spring Term
Monday 24 th April	First day of Summer Term
Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday—schools closed
W/c 8 th May	KS2 SATS week
Tues 23 rd May	Foley Parents Drop In 4pm – 6pm Brindley Parents Drop In 4pm – 6pm Chasewater Residential meeting for Y6 Parents 6.30pm
Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June—Half Term Holiday	
Monday 5 th June	Schools Closed—Staff Training Day
W/c Mon 12 th June	Y1 Phonics Check test
Fri 16 th June	Fathers Day celebrations (am – Brindley, pm – Foley)
W/c 19 th June	Y6 Chasewater Residential
Tues 20 th June	6.30pm Foley Induction evening
Thurs 22 nd June	6.30pm Brindley Induction evening
Fri 30 th June	Induction Day
W/c 3 rd July	Fitness week
Thurs 6 th July	Reports to parents
Fri 7 th July	Fun on the field/Sports Day (am – Foley, pm Brindley)
Tues 11 th July	Brindley Parents Drop In 4pm – 6pm & Arts Festival
Weds 12 th July	Foley Parents Drop In 4pm – 6pm & Arts Festival
Fri 14 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Weds 19 th July	Foley Y2 Graduation 5pm to 7pm
Thurs 20 th July	Y2/3 and Y4/5 discos Brindley
Mon 24 th July	Brindley Leavers Presentation 6pm
Tues 25 th July	School finishes – Balloon Race at Foley