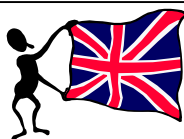


## OLYMPICS AND JUBILEE

2012 is set to be a big year for Great Britain and Ballifield is looking forward to some truly memorable events in school.



Some Y6 Ballifield pupils have already been lucky enough to have an exclusive preview of the Facilities in East London on a visit in conjunction with Handsworth Grange.

The Olympics will feature heavily in our learning next half term with each class focussing on a particular country. We will also be splitting the school into Olympic teams rather than classes for certain sessions in a culmination to our annual Fitness Fun Day. We hope everyone taking part has a great time!

We hope you will be able to join us on the last day before the school holidays (31st May) for our Diamond Jubilee celebrations and take part in the 'Great Ballifield Bake-off'

## WARM WEATHER

As the better weather is now here, could we please remind children to bring a named plastic drinks bottle which can then be refilled during the day.



Children can get very thirsty and due to hygiene issues it is not possible for school to provide plastic cups.

On really sunny days we also advise parents apply sunscreen before children come to school and provide a sunhat.

## DIARY DATES & HOLIDAYS

The full holiday calendar for the next school year is available on our website - [www.ballifield.co.uk](http://www.ballifield.co.uk).



The remaining dates for this school year are:

Thurs 31st May	- Last day before half term break
Mon 11th June	- Staff training day
Tues 12th June	- First day back after break
Mon 18th June to Fri 22nd June	- Y1 Phonics Test
Fri 29th June	- Annual report to parents
Weds 4th July	- Early parents evening
Thurs 5th July	- Late parents evening
Fri 20th July	- Last day before Summer holiday

## CAR PARK

We have received complaints that some parents are using the school car park to drop children off for Breakfast club as well as picking them up from Kids Kabin and after school Activities.



This is causing a bottleneck which occurs when cars are trying to use the drive both ways. More importantly this is putting children in danger who are using the drive when coming to and from school.

We appreciate that this may cause some inconvenience but we must insist that parents do not bring their cars into the school car park at any time, principally for the safety of other children.

## PARENTS GROUP SUMMER FAYRE

Our parents group are meeting each Monday night to prepare for the Summer Fayre which takes place on Sunday 8th July from 11am—1pm.



Everyone is welcome at the meetings each Monday night at school from 6.30pm onwards.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

A really busy half term is nearly behind us. Y6's have completed their SATs tests and assessments have been going on throughout the school. Next term will be just as busy as we start transition activities throughout the school.

We are currently finalising our staffing structure for the next school year. I know you appreciate early notification of your child's new teacher. Hopefully we will have these details ready for you when we return from the half term break.

On behalf of the entire school I would like to thank the Parents, Children and Staff involved with the PTA's 'Dig It' day. The new garden in the KS1 yard looks absolutely fantastic.

*Sheila Haigh*

- Holiday Request Forms
- Uniform Order Forms
- Nursery Applications
- Dinner Menus

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