

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS HERE



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year!

It doesn't feel like it's been five minutes since we broke up and already I'm having to write the welcome letter. We hope that your child enjoyed the Water Party recently and for those that are attending the camp and Closer to the Edge are looking forward to these.

As you are aware we have, over the last few months made more use of OBM (Online Brigade Manager) and I want to thank all of you that used OBM to book places for Closer to the Edge and to make payments, it has been great to see you all engaging so well with this new system and we can see that a number of you have logged in several times. We will be making more use of this in the new session, including for subs, more information below.

If all this talk of OBM means nothing to you, or you are struggling with it then please have a chat to me when we come back. If we have an email address for you, then you should have received emails about OBM over the last few months.

Restart

As we said in the Summer Newsletter we restart on Friday 9th September, 1800-1915 for Anchors, 1900-2030 for Juniors and 1900-2100 for Company/Seniors. We then go back to the normal times of 1800-1915 for Anchors, 1915-2030 for Juniors and 1915-2100 for Company/Seniors.

Annual Capitation Fee

Each year we have to pay a significant sum of money to BBHQ to cover the costs of insurance, HQ staff support and such things. For each young person we have to pay £13.50 along with fee's for staff and the Company itself. Again this year we are requesting a contribution of £10 towards these costs. Before the end of August we will set this payment scheme up on OBM for you to make online payments. If you are unable to pay online this should be paid on the first evening back.

Subs

We have decided to move towards a monthly payment scheme for subs, and our preference is for this to be dealt with through OBM. Before the end of August we will set this payment scheme up on the system. Payment will be requested on the 1st of each month (other than



August) and the monthly cost will be £8 per month. If you are unable to pay online we would request the payment to be made on the first Friday of each month.

This monthly payment will solely be for subscriptions in order to allow us to deal with Gift Aid more efficiently. Tuck will be collected separately each week and we continue to suggest 50p for this.

Consent Form

As with other organisations each year we ask you to complete an Annual Consent Form. This gives us information such as contact details, medical details and the like. It also gives you contact details for the Officer in Charge of the section your son is part of. In order for OBM to work one of the key elements of information needed on this form is the parents email address, so if you have an email address then please put this on the form.

This form should be returned on the first evening back, unfortunately at present we still require a hardcopy of this form – if you have trouble printing it please email a completed form back to me in the first week of September and I will print ready for you to sign on the first night.

Annual Enrolment Service and Dedication of New Colours

This year we will be holding our Enrolment Service on Friday 30th September at 1900. At this service we welcome and re-welcome all members to the Company and give out Membership Cards, as staff we also recommit ourselves to the work that we do.

As part of this service we will be 'laying up' the old Colours (flags) of the 6th West Bromwich Company and 11th West Bromwich Company and 'dedicating' the new Colours of the 2nd Wednesbury Company. The 6th West Bromwich was the BB Company based at Spring Head and the 11th West Bromwich the BB Company based at Woods before the two merged to form the 6th & 11th West Bromwich Company and then in recent times renaming ourselves as 2nd Wednesbury Company.

Social Media

A reminder that we use Social Media a lot to keep in contact with parents and supports, so please do join our networks to get the latest information:

Closed Facebook Group for private information:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/6th11thwestbromwichboysbrigade/>

Public Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/2ndWednesburyBoysBrigade/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/2ndWednesburyBB>

I also have a BB Twitter Account you can find it at <https://twitter.com/Capt2ndWburyBB>

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