



HEADTEACHER COMMENT

As you know we are committed to making the school as safe as possible for the children who attend. With this in mind I have commissioned some improvements to the security of the school over the summer break. When the children return in September the improvements should be complete. Along with additional CCTV we are also strengthening the security of the front gates. Visitors will only be able to enter the school through the front gate which will have additional electronic security. This will operate from 9.00am to 3.10pm every day. I know parents will agree that this will be in the best interest of the children at the school. Once the new system is up and running I would welcome parents' comments and suggestions.

ATTENDANCE (W.B 27.6.16) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	4	70	6	RSBS Deers	0	87.5	4
RA	1	95.04	6	3P	2	96.25	4.5
RB	0	95.69	5	3S	3	88.98	13
1B	2	96.25	4.5	4A	2	98.75	1.5
1F	6	97.41	3	4H	0	95.83	5
2M	2	96.28	4.5	5B	2	97.08	3.5
2P	2	95.45	5.5	5S	1	93.59	7.5
				6B	1	99.17	1
Total	31	95.56	76.5	6H	3	98.33	2

Well done to the Year 1F and Year 6B who won the panda this week. Thank you for all the support with the punctuality over recent weeks. Looking back at this time last year both attendance and punctuality have improved. Attendance has improved by 0.52% and there are over 270 less latecomers, many thanks again.

SPORTS DAYS

A big thank you to all the parents and friends whose contributions made our three sports days so enjoyable this week. It's great to showcase the kid's sporting talents and in the case of Monday morning when the dads re-enacted the Olympic 100m finals; there's nothing better than a competitive dad's race. The children performed brilliantly and Mr Ryan has taken on board some improvements for next year, thank you for the feedback. I would like to thank Mr Ryan particularly for his enthusiasm and relentless hard work with these activities.

REPORTS

Next week the children will receive their final report of the year. This outlines the attainment of the children based on the new assessment system in the school. The government abandoned the old system of levels last year and schools were left to choose how we were going to replace them. We chose an assertive mentoring approach which has a stage for each year group; where Year one are on stage one and year two on stage two etc. Within each of the stages there are four sub-stages that the children work through starting with Emerging then Developing followed by Secure and finally Secure+ or Next stage ready. The children should all be on the "Secure" sub-stage at the end of the year. As this is the first year that we have been operating this system we have found that with both a new system of assessment and a new curriculum the children are taking a little longer to get on track so don't be too worried if your child is not exactly where you expect her/him to be. We will be using the information to target interventions for September.

IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING?

Your child will have brought home a letter today regarding Pupil Premium Funding. To ensure that they receive all the funding they are entitled to, please complete the short form on the back of the letter (even if you think you may not be eligible) and return to school by Wednesday 20th July, marked for the attention of Mrs Powell. This will ensure that our records are up to date for all children. Thank you for your assistance.

LIBRARY APPEAL

Could those children who still have any school library books please return them before we break up for the summer holidays. Thank you from Mrs Haddock.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN BIRMINGHAM

We have been sent details of activities over the summer holidays that are taking place in Birmingham. Further details are available on www.birminghamleisure.com.

MALACHI SUMMER EVENTS

We have been advised of lots of events that are being run by Malachi Family Support Services. They include a trip to Weston Super Mare for £11, Summer Sizzler BBQ and drama club to name a few, for more information please ring Dawn Treasure on 0121 441 4556.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Could you please see me this week regarding any changes to medical information or medication that will need to be recorded ready for September. All medical records are being updated this last week ready for our new start in September. In September our school nurse shall continue to come in every second Tuesday afternoon. If you wish to see her please see me to make an appointment. This will no longer be a drop in session. All current medication shall be given to you to take home on our last day of term. Many Thanks, Ms Schwartz.

RECEPTION CLASSES ASSEMBLY

On 20th July please can your Reception child wear a t-shirt that is the same colour as their social group. Children should wear school trousers, shorts or school skirt as well. If you have any queries please speak to class teachers, thanks.

NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST

Most parents download the newsletter on a weekly basis from the website; you can now sign up to have the newsletter sent to your email address. This will mean that there will be three possible methods of receiving the letter: email, website or paper copy. The link for this service is on the website, under the newsletters 2016 section in the parents area.

FAMILY FUN DAY

There will be a fun day at Manningford Hall on Sunday 17th July 2016 from 2 – 5pm, it is in aid of Maypole Girlguiding groups. There will be a bouncy castle, tombola and games, soft play, go karts, refreshments, business stalls, glitter faces and face painting. Come along and support this great cause!

SECONDARY TRANSFERS

There will be a short meeting for the parents of any Year 6 (current Year 5) children at 7.00pm on Thursday 15th September to run through the procedure for secondary transfer. Children in Year 5 should receive a letter about this process shortly.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Tuesday 19th July** - Dress rehearsal of Leaver's Performance to school 2.00pm
- Tuesday 19th July** - Leaver's Performance 7.00pm
- Thursday 21st July** - Prom 4.30 – 7.00pm
- Friday 22nd July** - Break up for the summer holidays
- Monday 5th September** - Teacher training day 1 of 5
- Tuesday 6th September** - Children return to school after the summer holidays

Term Dates 2016 - 2017

AUTUMN TERM 2016	SPRING TERM 2017	SUMMER TERM 2017
Monday 5 September To Friday 21 October ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 31 October to Friday 16 December (70 days)	Tuesday 3 January to Friday 17 February ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 27 February to Friday 7 April (64 days)	Monday 24 April to Friday 26 May ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 5 June to Tuesday 25 July (61 days)

N.B May Day is Monday 1st May 2017

TEACHER TRAINING DAYS

Monday 5th September 2016 Monday 31st October 2016 Tuesday 3rd January 2017
Monday 24th July 2017 Tuesday 25th July 2017

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The one who falls and gets up is so much stronger than the one who never fell.

Many thanks

Mr S Dix
(Head Teacher)